



Redeemer  
Lutheran Church

A Congregation of the  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN  
CHURCH IN AMERICA

We are a Reconciling in Christ  
congregation, affirming the  
diversity of God's children



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## Fourth Sunday after PENTECOST

*Radical empathy...means  
putting in the work to educate  
oneself and to listen with a  
humble heart to understand  
another's experience from their  
perspective, not as we imagine we  
would feel. Radical empathy is  
not about you and what you  
think you would do in a  
situation you have never been in  
and perhaps never will.*

Isabel Wilkerson, *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*  
Random House, 2020, p. 386

**June 20, 2021**

**Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...**  
*an adventure for life!*

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

## In Preparation for Worship

- Within the sanctuary please remember that some people use this time of silence to prepare for worship.
- Whenever the cross is carried in procession through the congregation, we turn to face the cross to signify our way of life as followers of Jesus.
- Large-print bulletins and copies of the worship order are available; ask an usher for assistance.
- Assistive hearing devices are available from the ushers.

## Love Your Neighbor

- Fully-vaccinated people are welcome to come to worship without masks; those who aren't fully vaccinated are asked to wear masks.
- The far side, or north side, of the sanctuary is set up for social distancing. People who have not been vaccinated or are more comfortable maintaining social distancing please sit there.
- The south side, closest to the double doors, pews are not restricted and should be used by those who have been vaccinated.
- Those who wish may stand during the opening and closing hymns and the reading of the Gospel.
- During the passing of the peace, people who wish to hug and be hugged may do so; if you do not wish to be hugged, we suggest you place your palms together under your chin in the "namaste" posture as a way to share the peace in a distanced way.
- Individual communion elements are available to pick up inside the sanctuary door.

# WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

**Prelude**

***Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen,***

Spiritual arr. Gilbert Martin

**Welcome**




## Hymn


## Wade in the Water

*You may stand*

*Refrain*  
All




Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,




wade in the wa - ter, God's a-goin'-a trou-ble the wa - ter.

Leader All




1 See that host all dressed in white,  
2 See that band all dressed in red, God's a-goin'-a trou-ble the  
3 Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?

Leader All



the lead - er looks like the Is - rael - ite.  
wa - ter. looks like the band that . . . Mo - ses led.  
the Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me.

All *Refrain*



God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

Text: African American spiritual

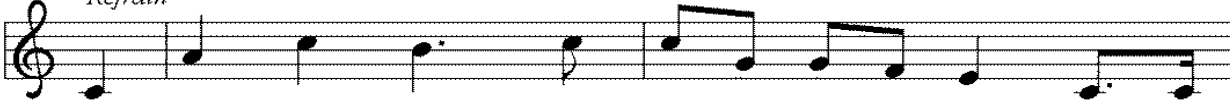
Music: WADE IN THE WATER, African American spiritual

## Greeting


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

## Hymn of Praise

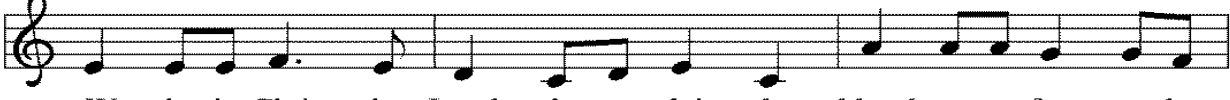
*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the




Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.




1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



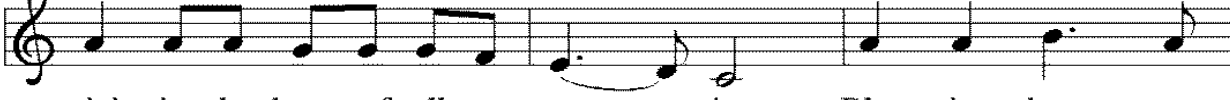
*Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of




vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and




join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

## WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

### **Reading**

**1 Samuel 17:32-49** (The Message, altered)

A reading from First Samuel

[The shepherd boy David heard that the giant Goliath had challenged the army of Israel to have one person step forward to fight him. He saw the entire army fall back when they saw Goliath's size and power. So he went to King Saul and said,] "Master, don't give up hope. I'm ready to go and fight this Philistine."

Saul answered David, "You can't go and fight this Philistine. You're too young and inexperienced—and he's been at this fighting business since before you were born."

David said, "I've been a shepherd, tending sheep for my father. Whenever a lion or bear came and took a lamb from the flock, I'd go after it, knock it down, and rescue the lamb. If it turned on me, I'd grab it by the throat, wring its neck, and kill it. Lion or bear, it made no difference—I killed it. And I'll do the same to this Philistine pig who is taunting the troops of God-Alive. God, who delivered me from the teeth of the lion and the claws of the bear, will deliver me from this Philistine."

Saul said, "Go. And God help you!"

Then Saul outfitted David as a soldier in armor. He put his bronze helmet on his head and belted his sword on him over the armor. David tried to walk but he could hardly budge.

David told Saul, "I can't even move with all this stuff on me. I'm not used to this." And he took it all off.

Then David took his shepherd's staff, selected five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in the pocket of his shepherd's pack, and with his sling in his hand approached Goliath.

As the Philistine paced back and forth, his shield bearer in front of him, he noticed David. He took one look down on him and sneered—a mere boy, apple-cheeked and peach-fuzzed.

The Philistine ridiculed David. "Am I a dog that you come after me with a stick?" And he cursed him by his gods.

"Come on," said the Philistine. "I'll make roadkill of you for the buzzards. I'll turn you into a tasty morsel for the field mice."

David answered, "You come at me with sword and spear and battle-ax. I come at you in the name of God-of-the-Angel-Armies, the God of Israel's troops, whom you curse and mock. This very day God is handing you over to me. I'm about to kill you, cut off your head, and serve up your body and the bodies of your Philistine buddies to the crows and coyotes. The whole earth will know that there's an extraordinary God in Israel. And everyone gathered here will learn that God doesn't save by means

That roused the Philistine, and he started toward David. David took off from the front line, running toward the Philistine. David reached into his pocket for a stone, slung it, and hit the Philistine hard in the forehead, embedding the stone deeply. The Philistine crashed, face down in the dirt.

**Thanks be to God.**

How good and how pleasant it is,  
when kindred live together in unity!  
**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,  
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his  
robe.**

## Mark 4:35-41 (The Message)

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Message

## *A HISTORY OF FORGETTING*

Celebration rises, up from the deep places, finding voice in the light and air no longer denied.

**Lift every voice and sing, sing till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty.**

Celebration rises, not blind to the suffering, not blind to the sorrow.

Celebration comes at a cost.

**Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod, felt in the days when hope unborn had died; yet with a steady beat have not our weary feet come to the place for which our parents sighed.**

Celebration rises, remembering the way we have come, the paths taken that have brought us here now to this place and time of celebration.

Celebration rises, up and up, full of remembering. Remembering the ones led to freedom by Harriet; remembering lives and freedom stolen [congregation can voice names aloud or silently of those whose lives and freedom have been stolen]

**We have come over a way that with tears has been watered; we have come treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered, out from the gloomy past till now we stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.**

Celebration rises, recognizing what has been done and left undone, knowing there is still and yet much to do, so much further to go.

Celebration rises, naming the victories, recognizing the challenges yet ahead. Celebration rises on voices offering unfinished praise.

**Lest our feet stray from the places, our God where we met thee; lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world we forget thee.**

Celebration rises, resisting illusions, to be embraced by the real and abiding presence of God who breaks our chains, and sets us free for freedom, in power and love and joy.

**God of our weary years, God of our silent tears thou who hast brought us thus far on our way; thou who has by thy might led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray.**

Celebration rises, with the power of healing wings and promise to endure.

Celebration rises, celebrating that by God's grace, I am because You are, You are because I am; Celebrating that the fullness of my humanity does not diminish yours and the fullness of your humanity does not diminish mine. Shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand, true to our God, true to our native land.

**True to who we are, True to who we have been and who we are becoming, thanks be to God.**

A Litany based on "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing," which is commonly named the African-American National Anthem; from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

## Ministry of Music

### *It's All in the Hands of God*

Natalie Sleeth  
Connie Criswell and Wendy Stoica

There's a time for living and a time to die,  
A time for laughing and a time to cry,  
A time for wondering and knowing why,  
But it's all in the hands of God.

There's a time for harvest and a time to sow,  
A time for lingering, a time to go,  
A time for happiness, a time for woe,  
But it's all in the hands of God.

For ev'rything there's a season  
Since first the world began;  
For all that is there's a reason:  
It's part of the Maker's plan,

There's a time for singing and a time to pray,  
A time to gather and to cast away,  
A time for ev'rything that comes our way,  
But it's all in the hands of God.

A time to laugh, a time to cry,  
The reason why is all in the hands of God.  
A time to reap, a time to sow, but this I know:  
It's all in the hands of God.

For ev'rything there's a season  
Since first the world began;  
For all that is there's a reason:  
It's part of the Maker's plan.

There's a time for singing and a time to pray,  
A time to gather and to cast away,  
A time for ev'rything that comes our way,  
But it's all in the hands of God;  
It's all in the hands of the Lord, our God—  
In the hands of God

## **Apostles Creed**

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

**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.**



## **Community Prayers**

Let us pray....

**Amen.**

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Lea Spang, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Cora Marquez, Mary Kennedy, Kelly Scott, Diane Louangrath, Sue Baker and Cathy Oldham, Julie Denniss' uncle Ed Stewart, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich and their niece and sister-in-law, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Lynn Belhorn's friend MaryAnn, Shirley and Jack Miller, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Carolyn and Ed Klopfer, Nancy Stinson's brother Tom Starkey, Barbara and David Hairston, Grace and Ken Jones, Dora Pinder and family, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Kris Kauffman, Karen Kent and Kathy Rapp's cousin Beatrice Watts Young, Emily Kent, Trina Thornton and family on the death of Trina's father John Bright, Arnell Comstock, Laura and Terry Warren

## **Children's Time**

## WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**And also with you.**

**We lift them to the Lord.**

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

In the beginning, the Spirit brooded time into being, so that God could give form to the world. At the Incarnation, the Spirit breathed God's time into being, so that the world could receive the Word. Through Pentecost, the Spirit brought transformed time into being, so that the Word could meet us everywhere.

Holy God, your Christ sends the Spirit to be a companion to all who follow your Way. As inheritors of both the challenge and the comfort of your Way, we join with all who have made this journey in other places and at other times, raising our voices in this timeless song of praise:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Entering these gifts of bread and wine, the Spirit blesses this time, and makes Christ alive in this meal to comfort, challenge and transform us. God has prepared a room for us: fire to warm our hearts, water to wash our weary feet, the table set and waiting. And now, from beyond time, the breath of the Spirit comes whispering through the fabric of time to call

us in. So come ... whether your time is just beginning or many years in the making; whether your hours are filled and fruitful or wanting and withered; whether you have invested wisely or buried your coins in the ground; for here at this table, through the power of the Spirit, God's time and our time come together in bread and wine – a place of timeless and timely grace.

We recall how Jesus, drawing near to the end of his time on earth, ate a last meal with his friends. We remember how his words and actions disturbed and dismayed them; but also how he offered them comfort and encouragement for the time to come. We remember that he took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his friends saying, "Take this and eat. This is my body broken for you. Do this to remember me" And after supper he took a cup, and gave it to them, saying, "This cup is the new covenant, sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me."

Hear us now as, at this time, we commit ourselves to your Way, and pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

### **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.**

As we share these gifts of grace, may the Holy Spirit take and transform them that we may know both their comfort and their challenge, and so transform ourselves and our time. Here is bread and wine – touched and transformed by the Spirit. Come, eat and drink, and be healed and strengthened for this time and for the time to come.

### **Sharing the Meal**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Spirit, You who mothered creation and enabled Incarnation, continue to form and nurture us as we stumble towards maturity. Spirit, You who led Jesus into the wilderness, stir us out of ease and safety as we follow the way of Christ. Spirit, You who transformed the disciples, grace and gift us for the task of building the beloved community Christ lived, died, and rose for. Spirit, You whom Jesus sends as Friend, continue to comfort and discomfort us until justice prevails, peace reigns and love directs all.

**Amen.**

## WE ARE SENT

### Hymn

### We Shall Overcome

*You may stand*



1	We	shall	o - ver -	come,	we	shall	o - ver -	come,
2	We'll	walk	hand in	hand,	we'll	walk	hand in	hand,
3	We	shall	all have	peace,	we	shall	all have	peace,
4	We	shall	see the	Lord,	we	shall	see the	Lord,
5	We	are	not a -	fraid,	we	are	not a -	fraid,
6	God	is	on our	side,	God	is	on our	side,



we	shall	o - ver -	come some -	day.	Oh,	deep	in our
we'll	walk	hand in	hand some -	day.	Oh,	deep	in our
we	shall	all have	peace some -	day.	Oh,	deep	in our
we	shall	see the	Lord some -	day.	Oh,	deep	in our
we	are	not a -	fraid to -	day.	Oh,	deep	in our
God	is	on our	side to -	day.	Oh,	deep	in our



hearts	we	do be -	lieve	we	shall	o - ver -	come some -	day.
hearts	we	do be -	lieve	we'll	walk	hand in	hand some -	day.
hearts	we	do be -	lieve	we	shall	all have	peace some -	day.
hearts	we	do be -	lieve	we	shall	see the	Lord some -	day.
hearts	we	do be -	lieve	we	are	not a -	fraid to -	day.
hearts	we	do be -	lieve	God	is	on our	side to -	day.

Text: traditional

Music: WE SHALL OVERCOME, African American spiritual

### Blessing

**Amen.**

### Announcements

### Postlude

### *Wade in the Water*, arr Mark Hayes

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The worship team would like to hear from you about your preferences for our worship schedule starting this fall. As you know, we've been having one 10 am service since the Sunday after Easter. Right now we're averaging 38 people in worship. Soon we would like to recommend to Council whether we believe we should stay with one 10 am service into the fall or return to the pre-Covid schedule of two Sunday mornings services.

If you have thoughts about this, please share them by the end of this month with any member of the worship team in whatever form is most convenient! Council will need to make these decisions in July so ministries can plan accordingly for the fall.

Worship team members are Michelle Clemmence, Karen Kent, Julie Larson, Don Luck, Kathy Rapp, Dave Shull, Bernice Stewart, and Wendy Stoica.

The Worship Team thanks you!

## Summer Book Study



### *Being Mortal*

By Atul Gawande

Wednesday evenings in July

7-8:30 pm

*IN-PERSON* and *Zoom*

Let Pastor know if you're interested  
or have questions.



### *First Letter of John*

Reflecting on this book, Martin Luther said, "This is an outstanding [letter]. It can buoy up afflicted hearts. Furthermore, it has John's style and manner of expression, so beautifully and gently does it picture Christ to us."

**5 Week Study beginning June 29**

**Tuesdays - 1:00 pm**

**We meet in-person and on Zoom.  
If you've never come to Bible  
study before, why not join us for  
a short while and see what  
happens?**

Adult Sunday School  
11:15 am Sundays



## *The Holy Trinity*

Topic: Sunday Adult Education Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85020326420?pwd=MXV5ZlZ6UnlyWDNqejZjeDhpRUw1Zz09>

Meeting ID: 850 2032 6420 - Passcode: 689131

Phone only: 646 876 9923



*Journaling  
Workshop  
7:30 pm  
4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays  
In-Person - Narthex*

## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	David Shull, Pastor
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Mary Benis
<b>ASL Interpreter</b>	Bryan Neal
<b>Reader</b>	Mary Benis
<b>Cantor</b>	Emily Kent
<b>Organist &amp; Senior Choir Director</b>	Kathy Rapp
<b>Pianist &amp; Chimes Choir Director</b>	Karen Kent
<b>Verger</b>	Wendy Stoica
<b>Producers</b>	Scott Steiner, Tom Mimplitch

Flowers are dedicated by **Judith and Ashley Bird** celebrating **Nathaniel's 40<sup>th</sup>** birthday.  
Noisy Offering will go to ELCA Disaster Relief.

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER JUNE 20 - 27

<b>Today</b>	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	ZOOM Adult Education
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 pm	IN-PERSON Journaling Workshop
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00 am	RLC Garden Giveaway
<b>Next Sunday</b>	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion

Dave Shull is going to be on study leave **June 21-27**. During his absence, *Pastor Julianne Smeck* from Hope Lutheran Church will be covering pastoral emergencies. You can reach her at 734-972-6126. *The Rev. Dale Linder*, a chaplain at Riverside Hospital, will preach and preside next Sunday.

