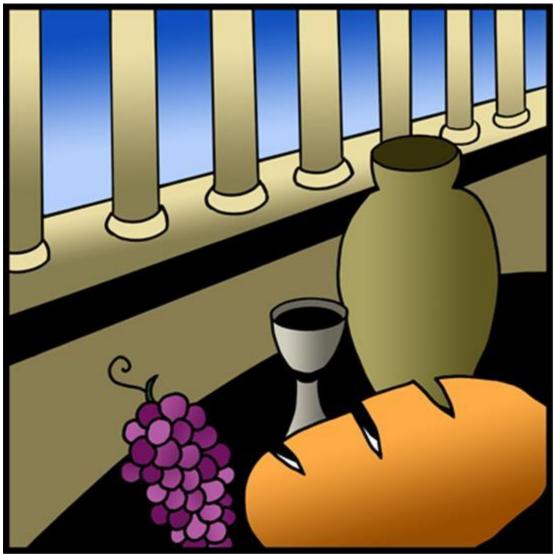


A Reconciling in Christ congregation, celebrating the diversity of God's children and fostering understanding and healing in community



Twelfth Sunday after PENTECOST



August 15, 2021 + 10:00 am

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

- We strongly encourage all people to wear masks in worship and in other larger group settings.
- <u>The far side, or north side, of the sanctuary is set up for social distancing.</u> 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.
- If you wish to use one of the first-floor bathrooms, please follow instructions in the bathroom about disinfecting it after your use. Only one person at a time in the restrooms.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

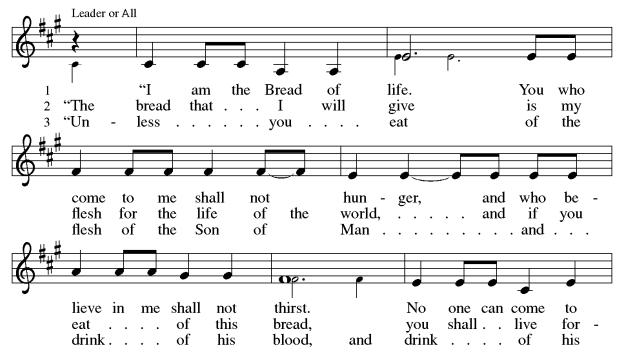
I Love to Tell the Story, Arr. Emme Lou Diemer

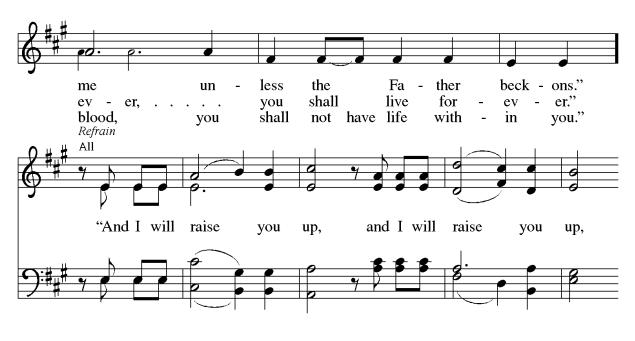
Welcome

Hymn

I Am the Bread of Life

Stand in body or spirit



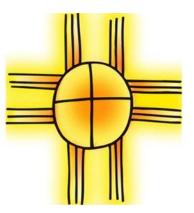




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Greeting

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





Please be seated

Prayer of the Day

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading

Proverbs 9:1-6

A reading from the book of Proverbs

Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars.
She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table.
She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town,
"You that are simple, turn in here!" To those without sense she says,
"Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.
Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.



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Fear the LORD, you saints ¹ of the LORD, for those who fear the ¹ LORD lack nothing.
The lions are in want and ¹ suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing ¹ that is good.
Come, children, and lis-¹ ten to me; I will teach you reverence ¹ for the LORD.
Who among you takes plea-¹ sure in life and desires long life to en-¹ joy prosperity?
Keep your ¹ tongue from evil and your lips from ¹ lying words.
Turn from evil ¹ and do good; seek peace ¹ and pursue it.



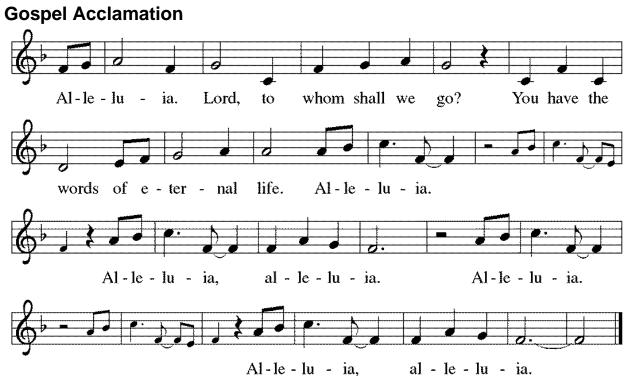
Reading

Ephesians 5:15-20

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Stand in body or spirit



Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John

John 6:51-58

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

The Gospel of the Lord Please be seated

Message

Praise to you, O Christ.

Dr. Cheryl Peterson

Ministry of Music

Havenu Shalom Aleichem (We Have Brought You Peace)

Jewish Folk Song, arr. John Carter Karen Kent and Kathy Rapp, piano duet

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, 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-inlaw 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, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Kris Kauffman, Karen Kent, Beatrice Watts Young, Arnell Comstock, Dottie Odrosky, Bob Gray, Kristi Hildebrand and family, Damon Stewart and family

The people of First English Lutheran Church, Columbus; Redeemer community member Sheryl Owens

Children's Time

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

We take time to greet one another with words like Peace be with you.

WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

Offering Prayer

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

Great Thanksgiving

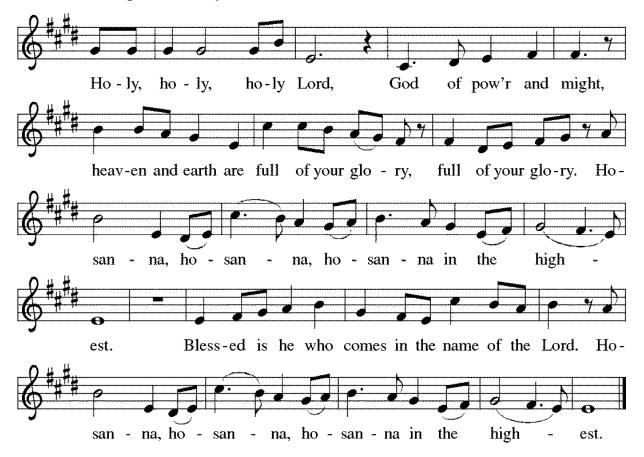
The Lord be with you. Lift up your hearts. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you. We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

This is the table of our Lord on which he sets his tokens of love and hope and to which he calls all who want to share his life. So come – whether your faith is strong or weak, whether your hope shines brightly or is dimmed. Come, ready to receive – for all are welcome at the feast of love.

We join our voices now in that great song of love and adoration that creation sings back to you.



- We remember on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it and gave it to his friends and said — "Take, eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."
- After supper, he took a cup of wine 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. As often as you drink this, do so to remember me."
- We commit ourselves to becoming a people of hope as we pray the prayer Jesus teaches 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.

And so, as we do in this place what Christ did in an upstairs room, send your Holy Spirit on us, and on these gifts of bread and wine, that the story of hope – of death and rising of new life, and the fruit of your beloved community – may continue on in us and through us.

Sharing the Meal



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Generous God, whose story and song are now and always the hope of the world: We praise you for the stories of creation and incarnation, redemption and resolution – the unending words of love. We rejoice in your song of yearning and calling, waiting and welcoming, gathering and cherishing – the eternal music of hope.

WE ARE SENT



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Announcements

Postlude

Give to Our God Immortal Praise, arr. Wilber Held

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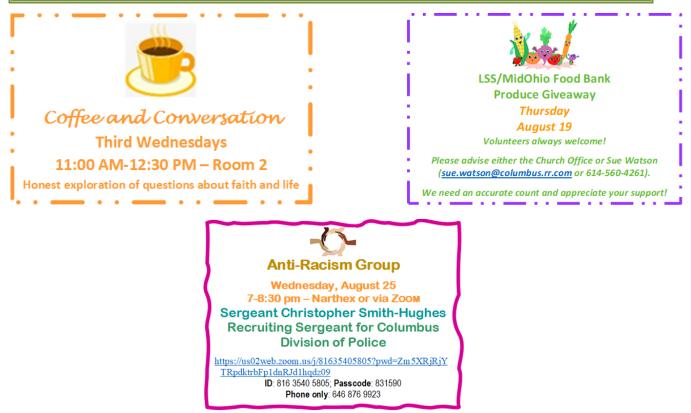
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We are happy to have Dr. Cheryl Peterson with us again this morning. Dr. Peterson is professor of systematic theology at Trinity Seminary. A native Ohioan, she grew up in Worthington and attended Wittenberg University before receiving her M.Div. at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago and her doctorate from Marguette University. She is the author of Who Is the Church? An Ecclesiology for the Twenty-First Century and is currently book on Holy Spirit. Her husband, working on а the the Rev. Dr. Charles Peterson, is pastor of Old Trinity Lutheran Church in downtown Columbus.

Dave Shull is on vacation August 2-23.

During his absence, *Pastor Julianne Smeck* from Hope Lutheran Church will be covering pastoral emergencies. You can reach her at 734-972-6126. *Rev. Dale Linder* will preach and preside next Sunday.



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Amen.

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister Assisting Minister ASL Interpreter Reader Cantor Organist & Senior Choir Director Pianist & Chimes Choir Director Usher Verger Producers Rev. Dr. Cheryl Peterson Jon Disbro Emily Ott Miles Smith Mary Benis Kathy Rapp Karen Kent Sue Watson Michelle Clemence Scott Steiner, Michele Disbro

Flowers are dedicated by **Bonnie Hegreness**. Noisy Offering will go to ELCA Disaster Relief.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER AUGUST 15 - 22

Today	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
Monday	4:30 pm	Education Team
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Council Executive Committee
Wednesday	11:00 am	Coffee and Conversation
Thursday	3:00 pm	LSS / MOFC Food Giveaway
Saturday	10:00 am	RLC Garden Giveaway
Next Sunday	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion





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