



Redeemer
Lutheran Church

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



Fourteenth Sunday after **PENTECOST**



August 29, 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

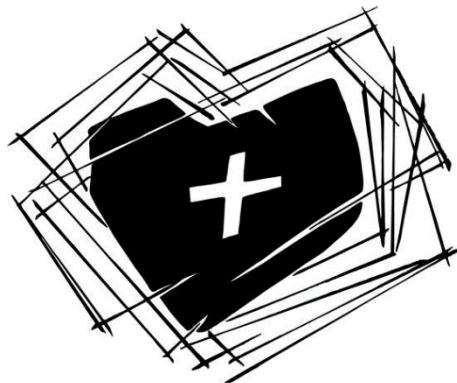
- **We strongly encourage all people to wear masks in worship and in other larger group settings.**
- **The far side, or north side, of the sanctuary is set up for social distancing.** People who have not been vaccinated or are more comfortable maintaining social distancing please sit there.
- **The 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.**
- **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

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go, arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome



Hymn

We Will Take What You Offer

(sung twice)

Stand in body or spirit

We will take what you of-fer, we will live by your word; we will

We will, we will live by your word;

love one an - oth - er and be fed by you, Lord. We will

we will be fed by you, Lord.

take what you of-fer, we will live by your word; we will

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we will be fed by you, Lord.

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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

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, 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



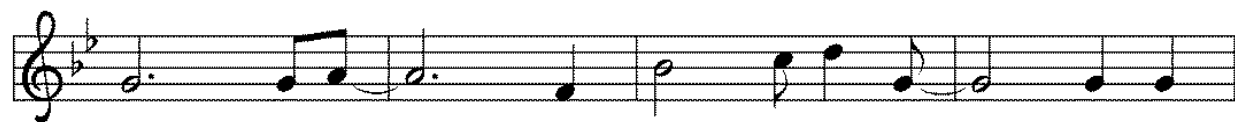
Refrain
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

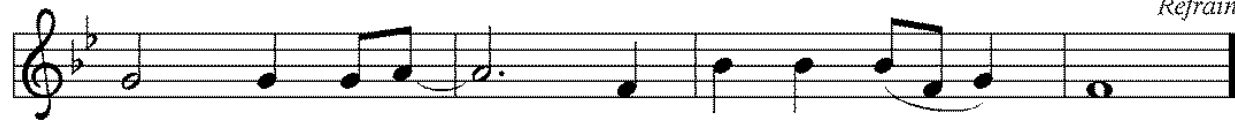


join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

Refrain



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

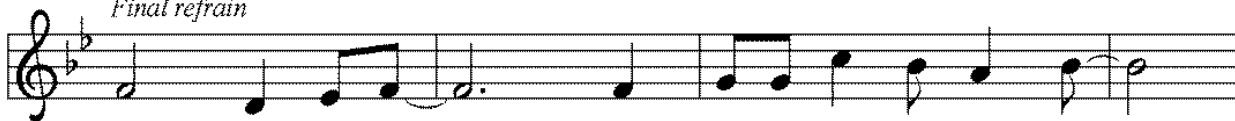


3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

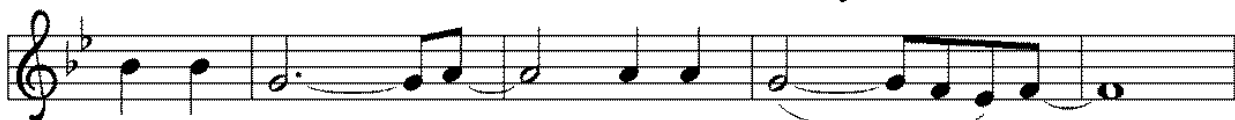


gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

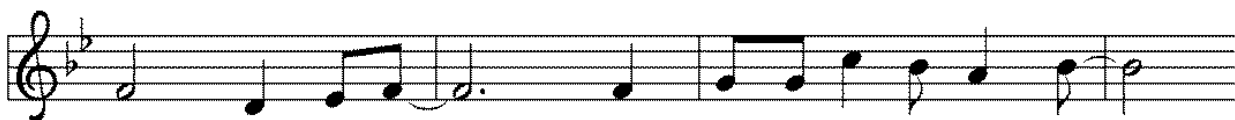
Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading

James 1:19-27 (The Message, adapted)

A reading from the letter of James

Post this at all the intersections, dear friends: Lead with your ears, follow up with your tongue, and let anger straggle along in the rear. God's righteousness doesn't grow from human anger. So throw all spoiled virtue and cancerous evil in the garbage. In simple humility, let our gardener, God, landscape you with the Word, making a salvation-garden of your life.

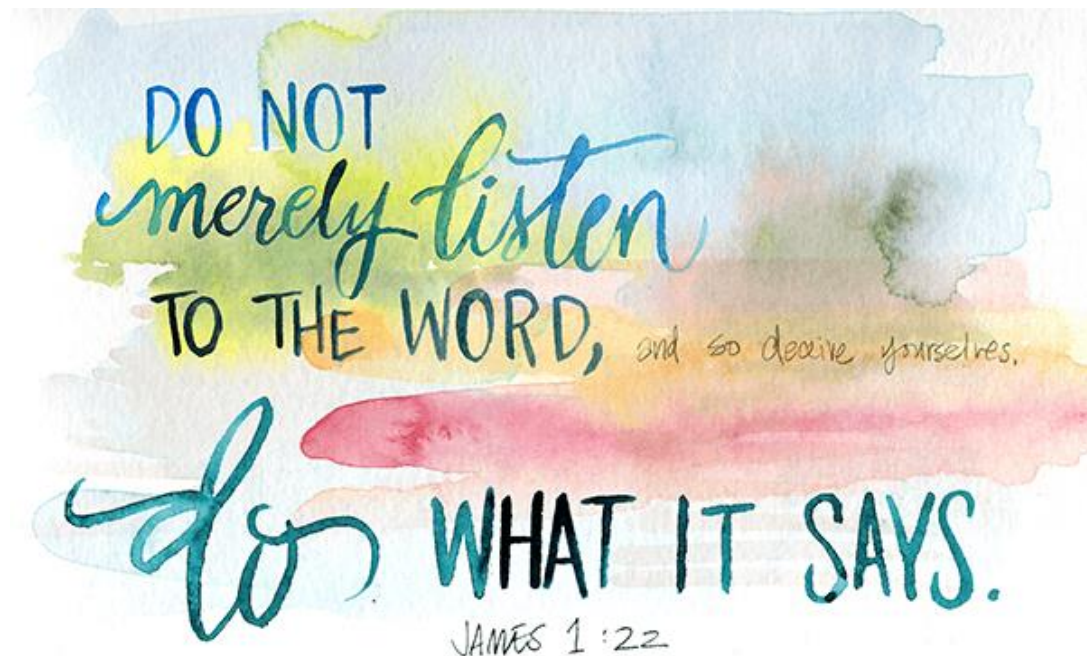
Don't fool yourself into thinking that you are a listener when you are anything but, letting the Word go in one ear and out the other. Act on what you hear! Those who hear and don't act are like those who glance in the mirror, walk away, and two minutes later have no idea who they are, what they look like.

But those who catch a glimpse of the revealed counsel of God—the *free life*—even out of the corner of their eye, and stick with it, are no distracted scatterbrains but men and women of action. They will find delight and affirmation in the action.

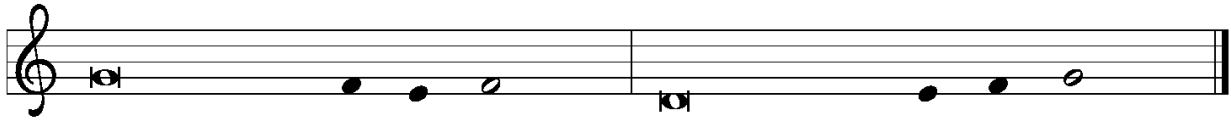
All who set themselves up as "religious" by talking a good game are self-deceived. This kind of religion is hot air and only hot air. Real religion, the kind that passes muster before God, is this: Reach out to the homeless and loveless in their plight, and guard against corruption from the godless world.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.



Psalm 15



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LORD, who may dwell in your ^l tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your ^l holy hill?

**Those who lead a blameless life and do ^l what is right,
who speak the truth ^l from their heart;**

they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil ^l to their friends;
they do not cast discredit up- ^l on a neighbor.

**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who ^l fear
the LORD.**

**They have sworn upon their health and do not take ^l back their
word.**

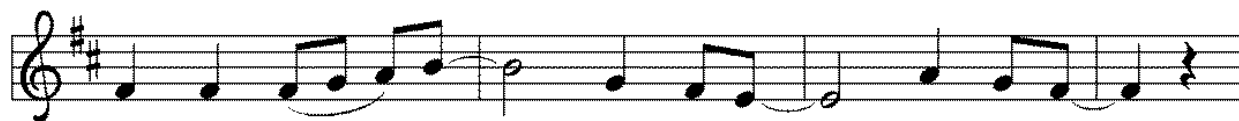
They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes
a- ^l gainst the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be ^l overthrown.

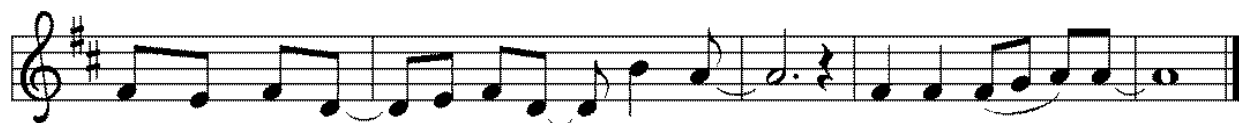


Stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel **Mark 7:1-8, 14-15** (New Living Translation)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Pharisees, along with some religion scholars who had come from Jerusalem, gathered around Jesus. They noticed that some of his disciples weren't being careful with ritual washings before meals. The Pharisees—Jews in general, in fact—would never eat a meal without going through the motions of a ritual hand-washing, with an especially vigorous scrubbing if they had just come from the market (to say nothing of the scourings they'd give jugs and pots and pans).

The Pharisees and religion scholars asked, "Why do your disciples brush off the rules, showing up at meals without washing their hands?"

Jesus answered, "Isaiah was right about frauds like you, hit the bull's-eye in fact:

These people make a big show of saying the right thing,
but their heart isn't in it.

They act like they are worshiping me,
but they don't mean it.

They just use me as a cover
for teaching whatever suits their fancy,
ditching God's command
and taking up the latest fads."

Then Jesus called to the crowd to come and hear. "All of you listen," he said, "and try to understand. It's not what goes into your body that defiles you; you are defiled by what comes from your heart."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Message

THE FREE LIFE

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-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, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Kris Kauffman, Karen Kent, Beatrice Watts Young, Arnell Comstock, Dottie Odrosky, Bob Gray, Dereck and Damon Stewart and family, Bob Rapp, Miles Smith and Emily Kent, Paula Carson

The people of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Columbus; Redeemer community member Jenny Peresta

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

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

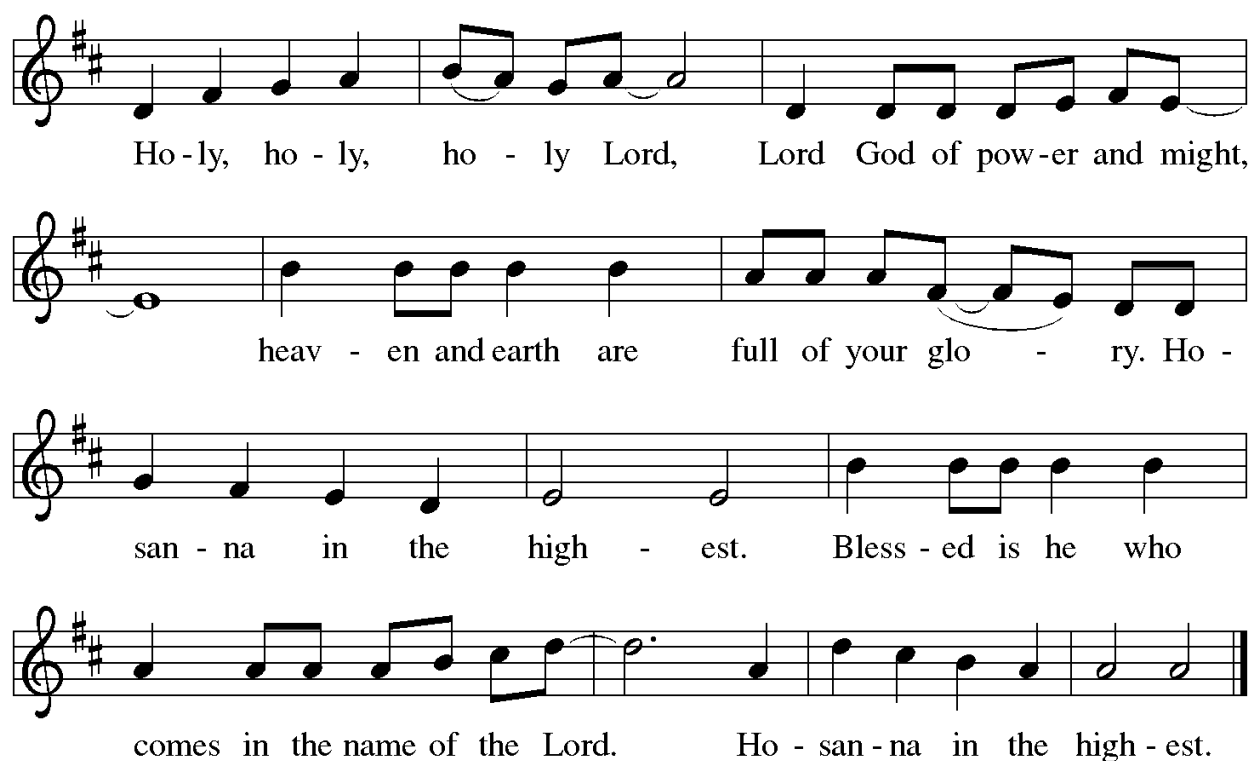
And also with you.

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.



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

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. **Amen.**

WE ARE SENT

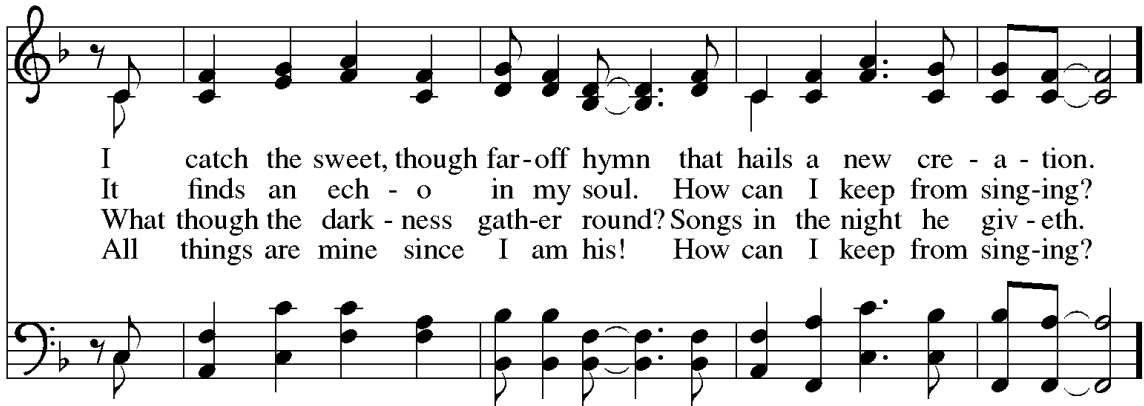
Hymn

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

Stand in body or spirit

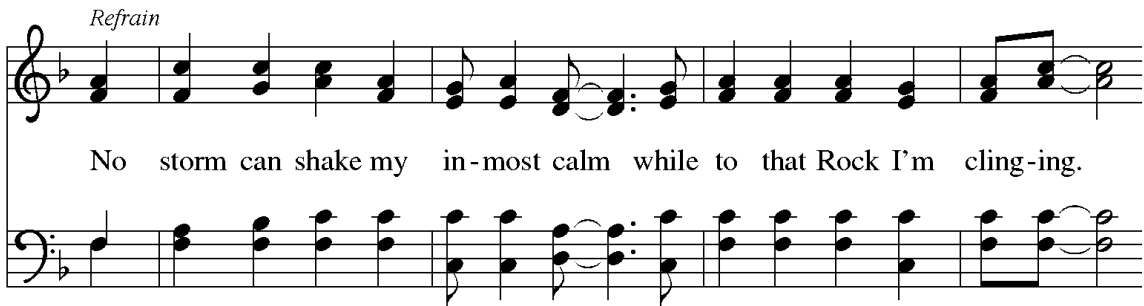


1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring - ing.
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

For the Beauty of the Earth, arr. Lloyd Larson

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Let Your Light Shine!
Redeemer KidsFest
TODAY!

2-4 pm

...an afternoon of crafts, story time, music, snacks,
activities and games on the lawn
for community kids and families.
Of course, **all** are welcome!



Sister Act

BE BOLD IN 2021!

Fall Retreat Planning

Wednesday, September 1

7:00 pm

Zoom

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Please join us for fellowship and discussion



LSS Food Pantry

First Wednesdays

1-4 pm

**Contact Kathleen Zwanziger
to volunteer**

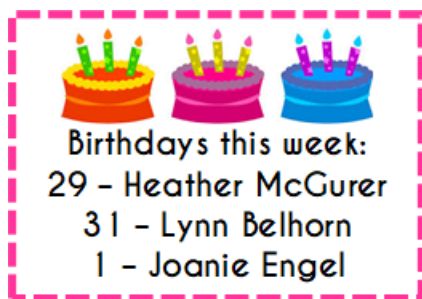
OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Connie Criswell
ASL Interpreter	Emily Ott
Reader	Connie Criswell
Cantor	Connie Criswell
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chimes Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Judith Bird
Verger	Michelle Clemence
Producers	Sue Yehling, Michele Disbro

*Flowers are dedicated by **Judith and Ashley Bird**, celebrating **Matt's** birthday.
Noisy Offering will go to **ELCA Disaster Relief**.*

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER AUGUST 29 – SEPTEMBER 5

Today	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	2-4:00 pm	Let Your Light Shine! - KidsFest
Monday	7:00 pm	Worship Team
Wednesday	12:30 pm	RLC at LSS Food Pantry
	7:00 pm	Sister Act Retreat Planning
Saturday	10:00 am	RLC Garden Giveaway
Next Sunday	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion



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