



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



## Fifteenth Sunday after **PENTECOST**



**September 5, 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**

*Prelude on "Slane", arr. Gordon Young*

## **Welcome**

*Stand in body or spirit*

## **Hymn**

### **She Came to Jesus**

[to the tune of "Be Thou My Vision"]

She came to Jesus from outside the fold—  
Canaanite woman! Persistent and bold!  
Looking to Jesus, she wanted to see  
one who would help her and set her child free.

Claiming a blessing, a touch of God's grace,  
she knew God's love was not bounded by place.  
Jesus, you listened, debated—then healed—  
for in her asking, her faith was revealed.

God, you still bless those who seek you in prayer.  
You welcome dreamers who faithfully dare.  
In Christ, now risen, your mercy extends:  
those on the outside are welcomed as friends.

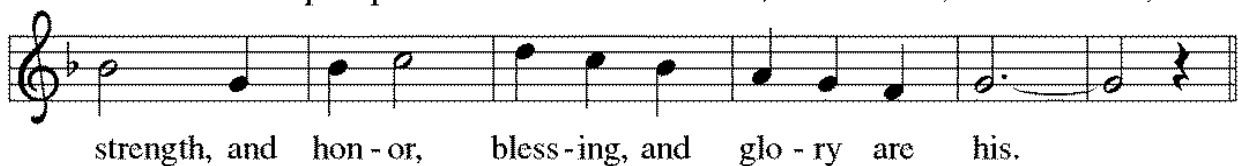
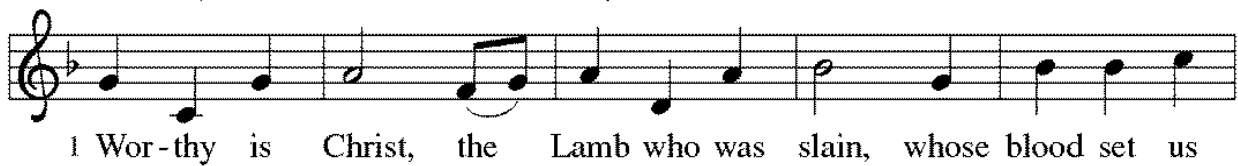
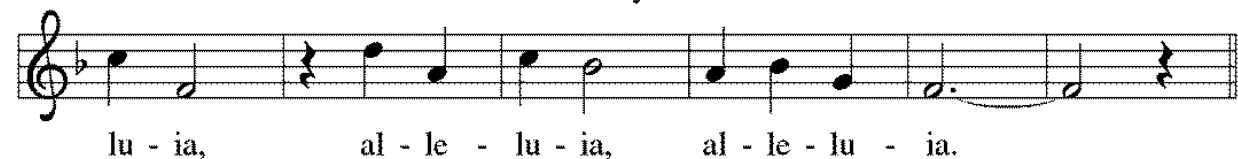
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## Greeting

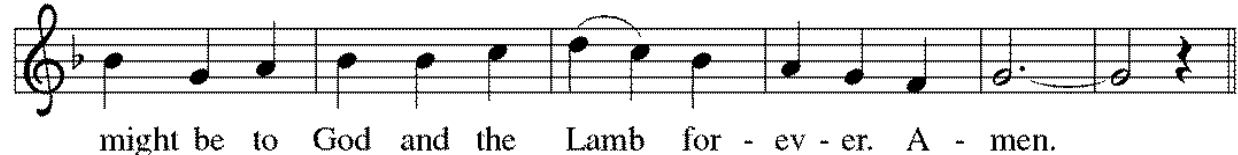
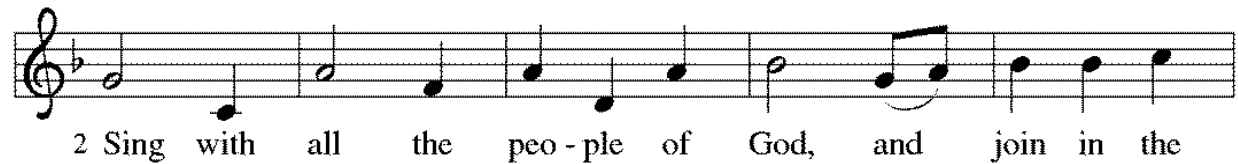
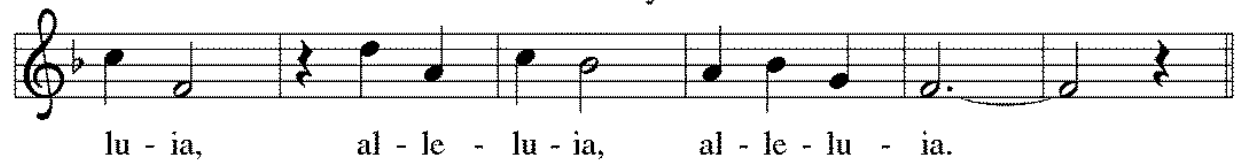
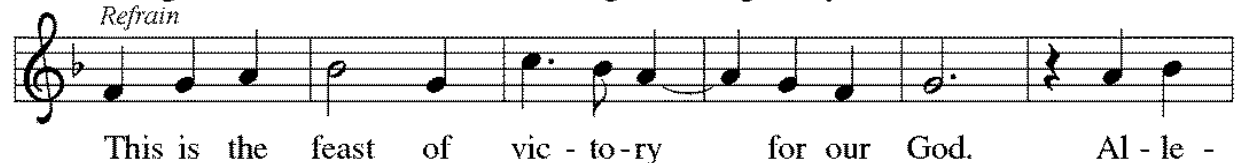
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

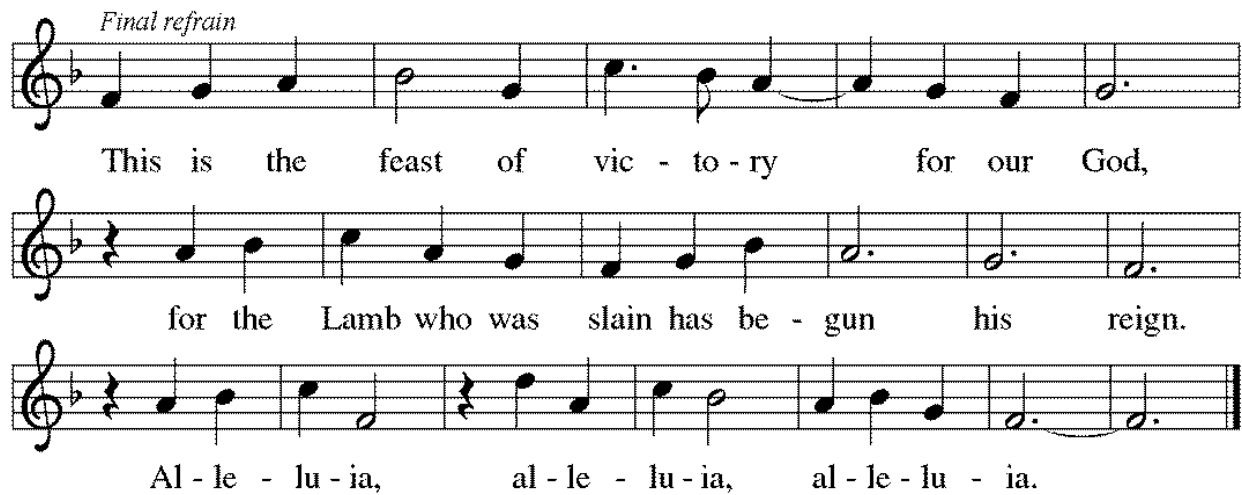
## Hymn of Praise

*Refrain*



*Refrain*





*Please be seated*

### **WE PROCLAIM THE WORD**

**Reading**                      **James 2:1-4, 14-17** (Contemporary English Version)

A reading from the letter of James

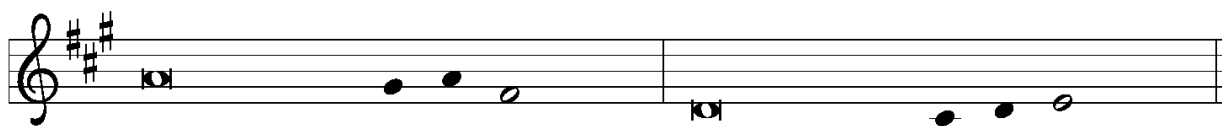
My friends, if you have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, you won't treat some people better than others. Suppose a rich person wearing fancy clothes and a gold ring comes to one of your meetings. And suppose a poor person dressed in worn-out clothes also comes. You must not give the best seat to the one in fancy clothes and tell the one who is poor to stand at the side or sit on the floor. That is the same as saying that some people are better than others, and you would be acting like a crooked judge.

My friends, what good is it to say you have faith, when you don't do anything to show that you really do have faith? Can that kind of faith save you? If you know someone who doesn't have any clothes or food, you shouldn't just say, "I hope all goes well for you. I hope you will be warm and have plenty to eat." What good is it to say this, unless you do something to help? Faith that doesn't lead us to do good deeds is all alone and dead!

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 146



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Hal- | lelujah!

Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

**I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.**

Put not your | trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there | is no help.

**When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,**

**and in that day | their thoughts perish.**

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,

whose hope is in the | LORD their God;

**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;**

**who keeps promis- | es forever;**

who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who  
hunger.

The LORD sets the | captive free.

**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who | are  
bowed down;**

**The LORD | loves the righteous.**

The LORD cares | for the stranger;

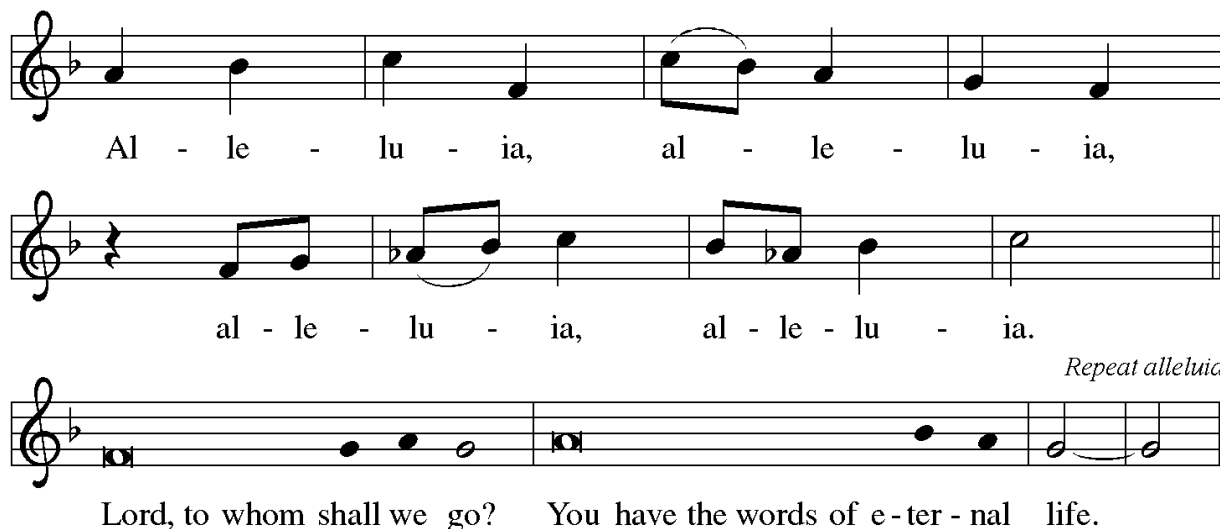
The LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the  
wicked.

**The LORD shall | reign forever,**

**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!**

*Stand in body or spirit*

## Gospel Acclamation



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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## Gospel

**Mark 7:24-30** (The Message)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus set out for the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house there where he didn't think he would be found, but he couldn't escape notice. He was barely inside when a woman who had a disturbed daughter heard where he was. She came and knelt at his feet, begging for help. The woman was Greek, Syro-Phoenician by birth. She asked him to cure her daughter.

He said, "Stand in line and take your turn. The children get fed first. If there's any left over, the dogs get it."

She said, "Of course, Master. But don't dogs under the table get scraps dropped by the children?"

Jesus was impressed. "You're right! On your way! Your daughter is no longer disturbed. The demonic affliction is gone." She went home and found her daughter relaxed on the bed, the torment gone for good.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## Message

**SEEING**

## Ministry of Music

### *His Eye is on the Sparrow*

Connie Criswell

Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,  
why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home,  
When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is He:  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me,  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

*REFRAIN* I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free.  
For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

"Let not your heart be troubled," His tender word I hear,  
and resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears.  
Though by the path He leads me but one step I may see:  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me,  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

*REFRAIN*

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,  
when song gives place to sighing, when hope within me dies,  
I draw the closer to Him, from care He sets me free:  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me,  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

*REFRAIN*

## 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, Kathie Ehrich's sister Betty Weaver, Mike Shugert's aunt and uncle Livvy and Jim Schleicher

The people of Grace Lutheran Church, Centerburg; Redeemer community member Dora Pinder

## 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.

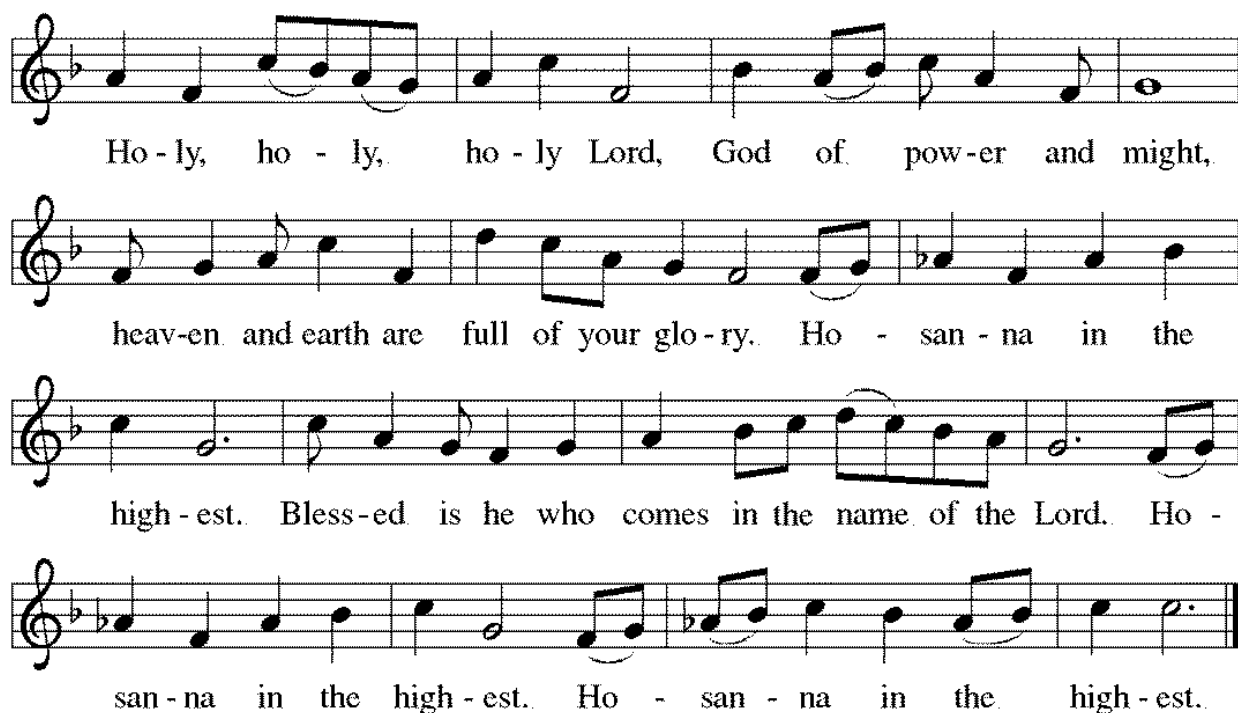
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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.



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

*Stand in body or spirit*

## Hymn

## Sing Hey for the Carpenter

Verses

1. Come with me, come wan - der, come wel - come the  
 2. Come walk in my com - p'ny, come sleep by my  
 3. Come share in my laugh - ter, come close to my  
 4. Come leave your pos - ses - sions, come share out your  
 world side, Where stran - gers might smile or where  
 fears, Come sa - vor a life - style with  
 treas - ure. Come find your - self washed with the  
 stones may be hurled; Come leave what you  
 noth - ing to hide; Come sit at my  
 kiss of my tears; Come stand close at  
 meth - od or meas - ure; Come loose ev - 'ry  
 cling to, lay down what you clutch And  
 ta - ble and eat with my friends, Dis -  
 hand while I suf - fer and die And  
 bond that's re - sist - ing the Spir - it, En -  
 find, with hands emp - ty, that hearts can hold much.  
 cov - 'ring that love which the world nev - er ends.  
 find in three days how I nev - er will lie.  
 a - bling the earth to be yours to in - her - it.

Refrain

Sing hey for the car-pen-ter leav-ing his tools! Sing hey for the  
 Phar - i - sees leav - ing their rules! Sing hey for the fish - er - men  
 leav-ing their nets! Sing hey for the peo-ple who leave their re - grets!

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**Blessing**

**Amen.**

**Announcements**

**Postlude**

***God of Grace and God of Glory***, arr. Wilbur Held

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Redeemer has been asked by the mission team of Unity Presbyterian Church to join them **Monday, Sept. 25** and **Tuesday, Sept. 26**, to do some painting for an eastside youth mentoring program, **All THAT**.

The ***Dispatch*** did a big story on them in their Aug. 30 issue. No special skills are needed at all, and you can offer your services for whatever length of time you wish. There's also a need for some shrubbery pruning. This seems like a simple way to be a big help.

Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Contact Dave Shull if you're interested or have questions.

The impact of Hurricane Ida is yet to be fully assessed, but with a hurricane of this scale, rebuilding will be costly and take years. Lutheran Disaster Response is working with local ELCA synods and Lutheran social service organizations to coordinate a response to Hurricane Ida. Your gifts to <https://tinyurl.com/2fp5syvu> will support survivors of Hurricane Ida. Gifts to "U.S. Hurricanes" will be used 100% to assist those affected by hurricanes until the response is complete.

*We pray that God's presence will be felt in the midst of suffering and bring comfort to those who are hurting. Together, we can show our neighbors that they are not alone.*

## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Michelle Clemence
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Reader	Michelle Clemence
Cantor	Jennifer Young
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chimes Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Jon Disbro
Verger	Wendy Stoica
Producers	Michele Disbro, Scott Steiner

*Flowers are dedicated by **Nancy Steiner** celebrating **Andrea's** 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.  
Noisy Offering will go to ELCA Disaster Relief.*

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER SEPTEMBER 5 - 12

<b>Today</b>	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Outreach Team
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 pm	IN-PERSON BREAD meeting
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00 am	RLC Garden Giveaway
<b>Next Sunday</b>	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion, distribution of children's Bibles, and Blessing of the Backpacks
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Education <b>for all ages</b>



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every day

**Adult Sunday School**  
**11:15 am Sundays**



## ***Re-introducing Jesus***

Don Luck presents a four-part exploration of the person  
and significance of Jesus reflecting contemporary biblical  
and theological scholarship.

Topic: **Sunday Adult Education Zoom Meeting**  
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