

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



The Holy Trinity



Just Keep Going - No Feeling is Final Rainer Maria Rilke

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

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

In Preparation for Worship

- <u>Within the sanctuary</u> 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.
- Please silence your cell phone.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Please be respectful of people who use this time to prepare for worship.

Prelude

Thanks Be to Thee

G. F. Handel, arr. David Johnson

Welcome





Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953 Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

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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

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading

Genesis 1:1-2:4

(The Schocken Bible translation of Everett Fox, inclusivized) A reading from the book of Genesis

At the beginning of God's creating

of the heavens and the earth,

when the earth was wild and waste,

darkness over the face of Ocean,

rushing-spirit of God hovering over the face of the waters -

God said: Let there be light! And there was light.

God saw the light: that it was good.

God separated the light from the darkness.

God called the light: Day!

and the darkness God called: Night!

There was setting, there was dawning: one day.

God said:

Let there be a dome amid the waters,

and let it separate waters from waters!

God made the dome

and separated the waters that were below the dome

from the waters that were above the dome.

It was so.

God called the dome: Heaven!

There was setting, there was dawning: second day.

God said:

Let the waters under the heavens be gathered to one place,

and let the dry land be seen!

It was so.

God called the dry land: Earth!

and the gathering of the waters God called: Seas! God saw that it was good. God said:

Let the earth sprout forth with sprouting-growth, plants that seed forth seeds, fruit trees that yield fruit after their kind, and in which is their seed, upon the earth! It was so.

The earth brough forth sprouting-growth,

plants that yield fruit, in which is their seed, after their kind. God saw that it was good.

There was setting, there was dawning: third day.

God said:

Let there be lights in the dome of the heavens,

to separate the day from the night,

that they may be for signs – for set-times, days and years,

and let them be for lights in the dome of the heavens,

to provide light upon the earth!

It was so.

God made the two great lights,

the greater light for ruling the day

and the smaller light for ruling the night, and the stars.

God placed them in the dome of the heavens

to provide light upon the earth,

to rule the day and the night,

to separate the light from the darkness.

God saw that it was good.

There was setting, there was dawning: fourth day.

God said:

Let the waters swarm with a swarm of living things,

and let fowl fly above the earth,

across the dome of the heavens!

God created the great sea-serpents

and all living beings that crawl about,

with which the waters swarmed, after their kind.

God saw that it was good.

And God blessed them, saying:

Bear fruit and be many and fill the waters in the seas and let the fowl be many on earth!

There was setting, there was dawning: fifth day.

God said:

Let the earth bring forth living beings after their kind, herd-animals, crawling things,

and the wildlife of the earth after their kind!

It was so.

God made the wildlife of the earth after their kind,

and the herd-animals after their kind,

and all crawling things of the soil after their kind.

God saw that it was good.

God said:

Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness! Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the fowl of the heavens, animals, all the earth,

and all crawling things that crawl about upon the earth! God created humankind in the divine image,

in the image of God did God create it,

male and female did God create them.

God blessed them, God said to them:

Bear fruit and be many and fill the earth and subdue it! Have dominion over the fish of the sea.

the fowl of the heavens,

and all living things that crawl about upon the earth! God said:

Here, I give you

all plants that bear seeds that are

upon the face of all the earth,

and all trees in which there is tree fruit that bears seeds,

for you shall they be, all for eating.

It was so.

Now God saw all that God had made,

and here: it was exceedingly good!

There was setting, there was dawning: the sixth day.

Thus were finished the heavens and the earth,

with all of their array.

God had finished, on the seventh day,

the work that God had made,

and then God ceased, on the seventh day,

from all the work God had made.

God gave the seventh day a blessing,

and God hallowed it,

for on it God ceased from all God's work,

that by creating, God had made.

These were the begettings of the heavens and the earth: their being created.

May we listen for what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Amen.

Psalm 8



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O I LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in [|] all the earth!---

you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of in- [|] fants and children;

you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work [|] of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set [|] in their courses,

- what are mere mortals that you should be mind-[|] ful of them, human beings that you should [|] care for them?
- Yet you have made them little less [|] than divine; with glory and hon- [|] or you crown them.
- You have made them rule over the works [|] of your hands; you have put all things un- [|] der their feet:

all | flocks and cattle,

even the wild beasts [|] of the field,

the birds of the air, the fish [|] of the sea,

and whatever passes along the paths ¹ of the sea.

O | LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in [|] all the earth!

Please stand in body or spirit



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

GospelMatthew 28:9-10, 16-20(The Inclusive New Testament)The Holy Gospel according to St. MatthewGlory to you, O Lord.

[As Mary Magdalene and the other Mary hurried from the tomb after the angel told them Jesus had been raised,] Jesus stood before them and said, "Shalom!" The women came up, embraced Jesus' feet and worshiped him. At this, Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid! Go tell the disciples to go to Galilee, where they will see me."

The Eleven made their way to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had summoned them. At the sight of the risen Christ they fell down in homage, though some doubted what they were seeing. Jesus came forward and addressed them in these words:

"All authority has been given me, both in heaven and on earth;
go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations.
Baptize them in the name of Abba God, and of the Only Begotten, and of the Holy Spirit.
Teach them to carry out everything I have commanded you.
And know that I am with you always, even until the end of the world!".

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Spoken Reflection

A LOVE SONG

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, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Mary Kennedy, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich and their sister Betty Weaver, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and her sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Mary Bowling's sister Val, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Becky Trover's sister Maddie Sutphin, Skye Andree, Laura Warren's brother Walt Hudson, Julie Larson and husband Eli who is receiving cancer treatment in Houston, Phillip Hall and Kirstin Roberts, John Caron, Kathleen Zwanziger, Wendy Stoica, Matt Bird, Earl and Edwina Bradley's niece Tina Monroe, family and frineds of Heidi Sherer's Uncle Christopher

The people of Grace Lutheran Church in Centerburg; Redeemer community member Thelma Johnson

Time with the Young People

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

Jesus invited all who were hungry for food, healing, justice, and joy to share this communion meal.

Since this is his meal, and he is present to us in it, all are welcome.

In body or spirit, please stand



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Great Thanksgiving



- 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:





- 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. 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 time to come.

Sharing the Meal

The gifts of God, for the people of God. Jesus welcomed all to this meal. So do we.

Please be seated

You may come forward to receive the elements, remain seated and use the pre-filled communion cups available at the door, or let an usher know you'd like to be served in your seat. Wine is in the outer rings of the tray, grape-apple juice in the inner ring Gluten-free wafers are available on request, ask Pastor.

Musical Reflection

There is a Balm in Gilead

arr. Sandra Eithun Chime Choir





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Please stand in body or spirit

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Spirit, continue to form and nurture us as we grow in following you. Spirit, As you led Jesus into the wilderness, stir us out of ease and safety as we follow the way of Christ. As you transformed the disciples, grace and gift us for the task of building the beloved community Christ lived, died, and rose for. Continue to comfort and discomfort us until justice prevails, peace reigns, and love directs all.

WE ARE SENT

Hymn

Listen, God Is Calling

Leader sings refrain, verses are call and response between Leader and congregation



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Announcements

Postlude

Holy Manna, arr. Gordon Young

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Amen.





LSS Food Pantry Fírst Wednesdays

12:30~3:30 pm

Contact Kathleen Zwanziger to volunteer







OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister David Shull, Pastor **Assisting Minister** Kay Ernsthausen Bill Boys, Ruth Boys, Kathryn Ott, Toshi Phillips Readers Heidi Sherer Cantor **ASL Interpreter Organist & Senior Choir Director** Kathy Rapp **Pianist & Chime Choir Director** Karen Kent Usher Zak Hinkle-Moore Verger Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica **Communion Prep** Becky Trover, Michelle Clemence April Smith, Sue Yehling **Producers** Michelle Clemence Hospitality

> Flowers are given by the congregation to the Glory of God. Noisy Offering will go to the Kindway ministry.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER JUNE 4 – 11

Today	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education Confirmation Class
	12:30 pm	Commation Class
Monday	5:30 pm	Executive Team
Tuesday	1:00 pm 5:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study ZOOM Outreach Team
Wednesday	12:30 pm 7:00 pm	RLC at LSS Food Pantry IN-PERSON and ZOOM Book Group
Thursday	6:30 pm	Basketball Camp Orientation
Saturday	10:00 am 11:00 am	Garden Giveaway Sister Act Summer Retreat at Sue Yehling's home
Next Sunday	10:00 am 11:15 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
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