

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



Fishing boat at sunrise on the Sea of Galilee - July 2014

July 30, 2023

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.
- **Please silence your cell phone.**

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

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

Prelude ***O God Beyond All Praising***, arr. Anna Laura Page

Welcome

Hymn

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen
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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



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



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. *Refrain*



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 **Romans 8:32-39** (The Inclusive New Testament)
 A reading from St. Paul's letter to the church at Rome

Since God did not spare the Only Begotten, but gave Christ up for the sake of us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that God will freely give us everything. Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? Since God is the One who justifies, who has the power to condemn? Only Christ Jesus, who died – or rather, was raised – and sits at the right hand of God, and who now intercedes for us!

What will separate us from the love of Christ? Trouble? Calamity? Persecution? Hunger? Nakedness? Danger? Violence? As scripture says, "For your sake, we're being killed all day long; we're looked upon as sheep to be slaughtered." Yet in all this we are more than conquerors because of God who has loved us. For I'm certain that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, neither heights nor depths – nor anything else in all creation – will be able to separate us from the love of God that comes to us in Christ Jesus.

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

Amen.

Psalm 119:129-136

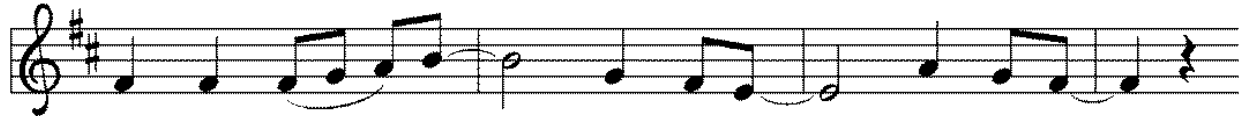


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Your de-^l crees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with ^l all my heart.
**When your word is opened ^l it gives light;
it gives understanding ^l to the simple.**
I open my ^l mouth and pant
because I long for ^l your commandments.
**Turn to me and be gra- ^l cious to me,
as you always do to those who ^l love your name.**
Order my footsteps ^l in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion ^l over me.
**Rescue me from those ^l who oppress me,
and I will keep ^l your commandments.**
Let your face shine up- ^l on your servant
and teach ^l me your statutes.
**My eyes shed ^l streams of tears,
because people do not ^l keep your teaching.**

Please 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

Matthew 13.31-33, 44-46

(Contemporary English Version, adapted)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus told his followers these stories: “The beloved community is like what happens when a farmer plants a mustard seed in a field. Although it is the smallest of all seeds, it grows larger than any garden plant and becomes a tree. Birds even come and nest on its branches.

“The beloved community is like what happens when a woman hides a little yeast into three measures of flour. Finally, all the dough rises.

“The beloved community is like what happens when someone finds a treasure hidden in a field and buries it again. Such a person is happy and goes and sells everything in order to buy that field.

“The beloved community is like what happens when a shop owner is looking for fine pearls. After finding a very valuable one, the owner goes and sells everything in order to buy that pearl”.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Spoken Reflection

LETTING THE PARABLES DO WHAT JESUS INTENDED

Musical Reflection

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Craig Courtney
Jennifer Young

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my Heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only first in my heart.
High King of heaven my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys O bright heav'ns Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision. O Ruler of all.

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 Hegreiness, 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, family and friends of Earl and Edwina Bradley's niece Tina Monroe, Chris Doss and Adam Howard, Kevin Bailey, Carolyn Moehring, Kelley Frank's parents Charlotte and Wayne Frank, Al Debelak, Ranel and Neil Hoddinott's granddaughter Brittany Amon, Kris Kauffman, Karen Kent and Kathy Rapp's mother, Mary Watts, family and friends of Deb Motto who died this week, and her partner Christine Paisley.

The people of Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Columbus; Redeemer community members Julie and Kolya Larson

Time with the Young People

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Members are encouraged to move around the sanctuary to greet each with a hearty handshake or a hug.

For those who have special concerns or who do not wish close contact, please offer a sign of blessing to let others know you are more comfortable greeting them from a distance.

We will continue to take a moment to greet those who are worshiping via livestream before greeting those in the sanctuary.

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

Offertory

We All Are One in Mission

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,"

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all."

A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove

The third system of musical notation continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove"

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.

The fourth system of musical notation concludes the piece with a double bar line. The lyrics are: "to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love."

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune; arr. hymnal version

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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.**

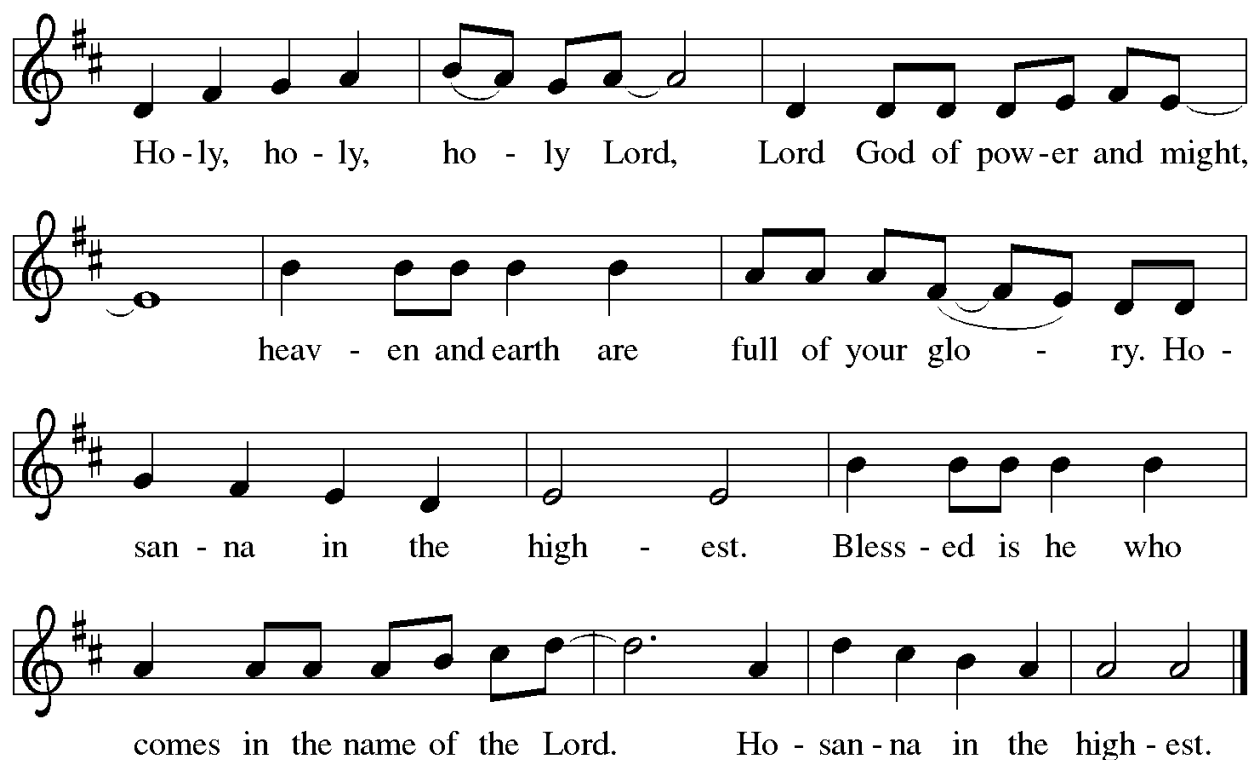
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God, you are before all things; you are beyond all things; and in the midst of all things and all peoples you have made yourself known.

In Israel's ancient stories, and in stories of people, communities, and nations seeking identity, feeling their strength, and struggling with their weakness, you have made yourself known.

In Jesus of Nazareth, in compassion for the outcast, forgiveness for the fallen, hope for the poor and hungry; in his life poured out for others and broken by hatred and fear, you have made yourself known.

Therefore we join our praises with countless people before us, celebrating your power in goodness and your might in compassion, as we sing:



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 greet the one who comes in your name: your true light, your true love, the bread of compassion, the wine of renewal.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take this and eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

After supper he took the cup of wine, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this to remember me." Come to us, Spirit of our Lord of love, and let the bread and wine before us bear your life to our life, nourish us with Jesus' vision of hope, and unite us in one body of peace.

We commit ourselves to walk in your way as we pray:

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.**

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.

Hymn

We Eat the Bread of Teaching

Refrain



We eat the bread of teach-ing, drink wine of wis-dom, are



giv-en here a taste of the king-dom. To-geth-er



joined, the great-est and the least, we all are



one at Wis-dom's ho-ly feast.



- 1 Wis-dom calls through-out the cit-y, knows our
- 2 Sim-ple ones whose hearts are yearn-ing, come and
- 3 En-ter with de-light and sing-ing, for her



hun-ger, and in pit-y gives her lov-ing in-vi-gain from Wis-dom's learn-ing; bread and wine she is pre-rich-ness now is bring-ing us this joy-ous cel-e-



ta-tion to the ban-quet of sal-va-tion. par-ing, know her lov-ing in the shar-ing. bra-tion; eat and drink in ju-bi-la-tion.

Refrain

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997

Music: WISDOM'S FEAST, Jerry Ray Brubaker, b. 1946

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Hymn

By Your Hand You Feed Your People

1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
 2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
 3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.

For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
 Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.
 In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:

Refrain

Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,

giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

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 Music: CAMROSE, Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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Please stand in body or spirit

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of compassion, we thank you for nourishing us with the bread of life and the wine of hope. As in Christ your love flowed out to those around him, so let your love flow through us to others. As in Christ your life was broken, so let your life meet us in our brokenness and fill us all with joy, through Jesus, our life and our joy. **Amen.**

WE ARE SENT

Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873-1932

Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude *When, in Our Music, God is Glorified*, arr. Anna Laura Page

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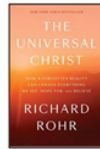
Summer Adult Education



Sermon Talkbacks
On Sunday, July 30, we'll gather after refreshments and talk about any questions or comments participants have about that morning's scripture readings and the reflection.

Join us with Pastor Dave either in person or via Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85132061190?pwd=L1VsUE91c1FodlN5dThTUDNRK3dLQT09>
Meeting ID: 851 3206 1190 = Passcode: 919341
Phone only: 1-312-626-6799.

The Universal Christ
The Extraordinary Embedded in the Ordinary
Father Richard Rohr



Adult Ed
Led by Pastor Al Rider
Sundays in August = 11:15 am

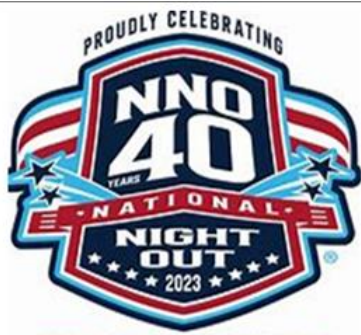
Father Rohr – like many Lutherans – proposes an “alternate orthodoxy” focused more on the resurrected “universal Christ” and the joy of “original blessing” than on “original sin” as the foundation of our faith journey and decision-making.

In-Person and Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82689102919?pwd=V0NSY0c1SDBWUXZlMWFzbnRlZWZpPdz09>
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Phone only: 1-312-626-6799



LSS Food Pantry
First Wednesdays
12:30~3:30 pm

Contact Kathleen Zwanziger to volunteer



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Tuesday, August 1
6p-8p

Berwick Elementary

Communities nationwide gather for this crime and drug prevention event. Join us for games, food, and drinks. Visit Redeemer's display table while you're there.



Wednesday, August 16

7-8:30 pm

Meeting with

Sister Act

The Book of Longings

by Sue Monk Kidd

Copies are available in public libraries.

IN-PERSON and ZOOM

<https://us02zoom.us/j/86581504887?pwd=ZkFSV2tKM2xE3dyK1RvSURJYlFuZz09>

Meeting ID: 865 8150 4887 +++ Passcode 274918

Phone Only: 312-626-6799



RLC Garden Giveaway

Produce from our own garden
and donations from friends and neighbors

Saturday mornings

10 am until gone



Sunday, August 13th

from 1-3 pm!

Please join us for a cookout to
start the afternoon.

If you are interested in helping
out with this event, contact
Katie Jacobs.



KidsFest request

For one of our crafts, we



are collecting
straight-sided
water bottles with
no ridges [for

example, like those from
Ice Water]. You can drop
them off at church any
time before August 13.

Thank you!

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Michele Disbro
Cantor	Connie Criswell
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Zak Hinkle-Moore
Verger	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
Communion Prep	Katie Jacobs, Wendy Stoica
Producers	April Smith, Judith Bird
Hospitality	Kathy Mimplitch

Noisy Offering will go to Star House.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER JULY 30 – AUGUST 6

Today	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
Tuesday	6:30 pm	National Night Out
Wednesday	11:00 am	Member Care Team
	12:30 pm	RLC at LSS Food Pantry
Saturday	10:00 am	Garden Giveaway
Next Sunday	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education



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