

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

Third Sunday after Pentecost



June 29, 2025 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.
- Large-print bulletins and copies of the worship order are available; ask an usher for assistance.
- Services of worship and other events at Redeemer are routinely livestreamed or photographed. If you do not want your image to be captured on livestreaming or in photographs, please speak to an usher or the leader of the event so that you can be offered alternative seating in the gathering area or can be excluded from the photograph.
- Please silence your cell phone.
- <u>Whenever the cross is carried in procession through the congregation</u>, we turn to face the cross to signify our way of life as followers of Jesus.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

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

Prelude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, arr. Joel Raney

Welcome





Music: AUSTRIA, Franz Joseph Haydn, 1732–1809

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





Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading Galatians 5:1, 13-25 (New Revised Standard Version) A reading from St. Paul's letter to the early church at Galatia

- For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.
- For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.
- Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.
- By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

May we open ourselves to what the Spirit is saying to the church. Amen.





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Protect me, O God, for I take ref-¹ uge in you; I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good a- I bove all other." All my delight is in the godly that are ¹ in the land, upon those who are noble a- I mong the people. But those who run after [|] other gods shall have their troubles | multiplied. I will not pour out drink offerings | to such gods, never take their names up-¹ on my lips. O LORD, you are my portion | and my cup; it is you who up- I hold my lot. My boundaries enclose a | pleasant land; indeed, I have a [|] rich inheritance. I will bless the LORD who | gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night | after night. I have set the LORD al- | ways before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall | not be shaken. My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir-¹ it rejoices; my body also shall [|] rest in hope. For you will not abandon me | to the grave, nor let your holy one | see the pit. You will show me the | path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are

pleasures for- [|] evermore.



Please stand in body or spirit



GospelLuke 9:51-62(New Revised Standard Version)The Holy Gospel according to St. LukeGlory to you, O Lord.

When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Spoken Reflection

Denise Rector

Musical Reflection

Christians, We Have Met to Worship Mark Hayes Piano duet, Karen Kent and Kathy Rapp

Apostles' Creed

We open ourselves to new images for God and the Church as we proclaim these words:

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new. who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others. to seek justice and resist evil. to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

(The United Church of Canada)

Community Prayers

Let us pray.... After each petition: "Your mercy is great, O God." **Receive our prayer.**

Amen.

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns: Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Bonnie Hegreness, Mary Kennedy, Kevin Bailey's sisters Kleta Childs and Karla Weaver, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and her sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Mary Bowling's sister Val, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Maddie Sutphin, Becky and Larry Trover's son-in-law Brandon James, Skye Andree, Kris Kauffman, Ruth Murray's daughter Ellen Rose and family, Kathie Ehrich, Dottie and Larry Bird, Kelley Frank's mother Charlotte Frank, Al Debelak and Karen Riccio, Edwina Bradley, Laura Warren's brother and sister-in-law Cynthia and Sam Hudson, Karen Rider's friend Betsy Wagner, Sue, Tim, and Lisa Watson, Heidi Carman, Bill Boys For the people of Zion Lutheran Church in Danville For Redeemer community member Sandra Keaton

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.





* May be sung in canon.

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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.

- 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 a new 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, making grace something we can touch and taste.

- 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. 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 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 days. Here is bread and wine – touched and transformed by the Spirit. Come, eat and drink, and be healed and strengthened to face all that life brings.

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 I Come with Joy child God, Ι with of for - giv - en, loved, and joy, а 1 come 2 Ι Chris - tians come with far and near to find, all as are share, each proud 3 Christ breaks bread, and bids di - vi - sion As us ris - en Christ, un - seen, The Spir - it 4 of the but ev - er To - geth - er to - geth - er bound by 5 met, all that God has free, the life of Je sus to re - call in _ fed, the new com - mu ni _ ty of love in ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and friend near, is such bet ter known, a in ship done, we'll with give the world the go joy, to love laid down for me, in love laid down for me. Christ's com-mu -Christ's com - mu nion bread, in nion bread. strang - ers friends, and strang - ers friends. now are now are live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here. love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving Spirit, continue to form and nurture us as we grow in following you. 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



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Announcements

Postlude

Lift Hight the Cross, arr. John Carter

Amen.

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LSS Food Pantry Wednesday, July 2 12:30-4:00 pm Thursday, July 17 12:30-4:00 pm Contact Kathleen Zwanziger

to-volunteer





OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister Pastor Al Rider Preaching **Denise Rector Assisting Minister** Mary Benis Reader **Ruby Jacobs Connie Criswell** Cantor **ASL Interpreter Bryan Neal Organist & Senior Choir Director** Kathy Rapp **Pianist & Chime Choir Director** Karen Kent Usher Ruth Murrav Verger Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica **Communion Prep** Katie & Ruby Jacobs, Karen Rider Scott Steiner, Miles Smith **Producers** Church Picnic Hospitality

Flowers from the Redeemer gardens are given to the Glory of God. The Noisy Offering will go to CRIS [Community Refugee and Immigration Service]

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER JUNE 29 - JULY 6

Today	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	Church Picnic on the Lawn
Monday	6:30-8:00 pm 7:00 pm	Basketball Camp BREAD Celebration
Tuesday	6:30-8:00 pm	Basketball Camp
Wednesday	12:30-4 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	RLC at LSS Food Pantry Basketball Camp
Thursday	6:30-8:00 pm	Basketball Camp
Saturday	10:00 am	RLC Garden Giveaway
Next Sunday	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion

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