

# Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



August 31, 2025  
10:00 a.m.

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.
- 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.

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

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

**Prelude**

*How Can I Keep from Singing*, arr. John Carter

**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.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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

*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.

### Prayer of the Day

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

### WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

**Reading**                      **Proverbs 25:6-7** (New Living Translation, inclusivized)

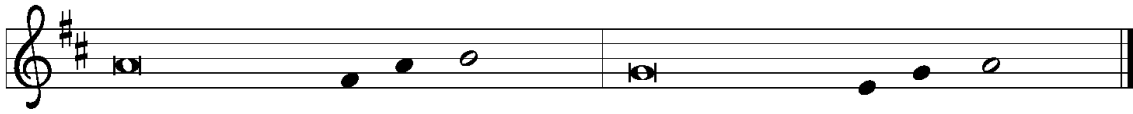
A reading from the book of Proverbs

Don't demand an audience with a ruler  
or push for a place among the great.  
It's better to wait for an invitation to the head table  
than to be sent away in public disgrace!"

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

**Amen.**

## Psalm 112:5-10



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It is good for them to be gener- | ous in lending  
and to manage their af- | fairs with justice.

**For they will nev- | er be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlast- | ing remembrance.**

They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting | in the LORD.

**Their heart is established and | will not shrink,  
until they see their desire up- | on their enemies.**

They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands | fast  
forever;

they will hold up their | head with honor.

**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth  
and | pine away;**

**the desires of the wick- | ed will perish.**



*Please stand in body or spirit*

## Gospel Acclamation



## Gospel

**Luke 14: 1, 7-14**

(New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, other Pharisees were watching him closely.

When Jesus noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## Spoken Reflection

Rev. Lynn Carter-Edmands

## Musical Reflection

## ***“A Shining Light” for Flute Quartet***

Traditional Spiritual arr. Kate Agioritis

Susan Lehnerd, April Smith, Jill Snyder, Linda Williams

## **Apostles’ Creed**

We open ourselves to fresh 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**

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, Edwina Bradley, Karen Rider’s niece Tammy and her friend Betsy Wagner, Sue, Tim, and Lisa Watson, Heidi Carman, Deb Turner’s friends Sherrie and Jim Tompkins, the family of Larry Jones, Emily Crosley.

For the people of Christ Lutheran Church in Besley

For Redeemer community members Diane, Jeff, Grace, and Corinne Montgomery



## Time with the Young People

### Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*We greet those who are livestreaming with us by waving to the camera in the back of the sanctuary above the choir loft. Then you are encouraged to greet each other in a way that expresses the peace and love of Christ.*

*If you do not wish close contact, offer a sign of blessing to others to let them know you are more comfortable greeting them from a distance.*



## 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**

### **You Are Holy**

1\*



You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more  
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.  
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2



You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,  
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!  
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!  
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

*\* May be sung in canon.*

Text: Per Harling, b. 1945

Music: DU ÄR HELIG, Per Harling

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## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

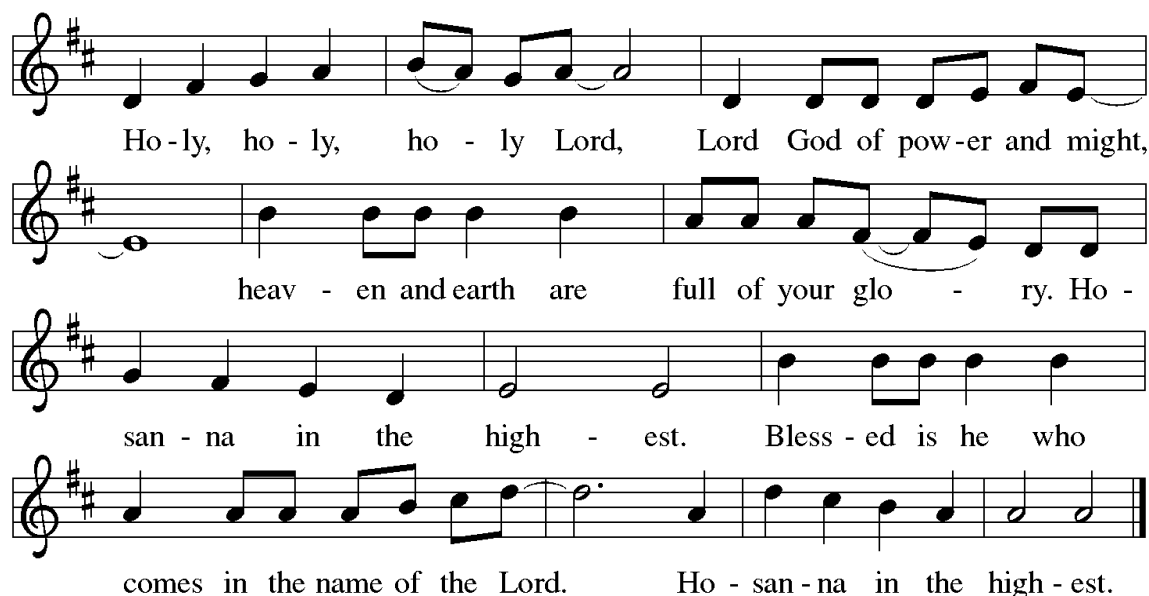
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.  
We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is a joy to give you our thanks and praise, Creator God. In the beginning, your Spirit brooded time into being, so that you could give form to the world. At the Incarnation, your Spirit breathed your 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, you send the Spirit to be a companion to all who follow the Way of Jesus. 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**

Whoever you are, from wherever you come, whatever you believe, you are welcome and invited to receive. Come! For all things are now ready.

*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

## He Came Down

1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;  
 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;  
 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;  
 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;

he came down that we may have love;  
 he came down that we may have light;  
 he came down that we may have peace;  
 he came down that we may have joy;

hal-le - lu - jah for-ev - er - more.

Text: Cameroon traditional

Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional; arr. John L. Bell, b. 1949

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# Hymn

## In the Singing

1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,  
 2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,

in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,  
 in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,

*Refrain*

Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;

Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

Music: BREAD OF PEACE, Carlton R. Young, b. 1926

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Please stand in body or spirit

## 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.

**Amen.**

## WE ARE SENT

### Hymn

### Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

*Refrain / Estribillo*

Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la  
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the

me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -  
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is

re - te tie - ne un pues - to y u - na mi - sión.  
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.

1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -  
1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -  
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the  
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all

pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do a - le - gre la  
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm  
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be  
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -

*Refrain / Estribillo*

cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.  
walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.  
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.  
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

Text: Guillermo Cuéllar, b. 1955, *Misa popular salvadoreña*; tr. Bret Hesla, b. 1957, and William Dexheimer Pharris, b. 1956

Music: VAMOS TODOS AL BANQUETE, Guillermo Cuéllar, b. 1955

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**Blessing**

**Amen.**

**Announcements**

**Postlude**

***I've Got the Joy*, arr. Pepper Choplin**

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Dave Shull is on vacation. For emergency pastoral care please contact:  
***August 30-September 5***  
the Rev. Julianne Smeck (734-972-6126)

This morning we welcome ***Rev. Lynn Carter-Edmands***, an Episcopal priest and active board member of Healthy Congregations, Inc. In retirement from parish ministry and judicatory leadership she lives with her husband in Columbus, Ohio.

***Adult Ed***  
**Sunday September 7 - 11:15 a.m.**  
**Getting to Know You**  
**-Jon Disbro-**  
As a way to deepen our relationships by getting to know each other better, LynnBelhorn will interview Jon about his life. You'll have a chance to ask questions as well.  
In-Person and Zoom:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83475541581?pwd=PEyYLFqECnuQBzf9bSbaqxGY44GXcU.1>  
Meeting ID: 834 7554 1581 = Passcode: 752230  
Phone only: 1-312-626-6700



**RLC Garden Giveaway**  
Produce from our own garden  
and donations from friends and neighbors  
**Saturday mornings**  
**10 am until gone**



### *LSS Food Pantry*

*Wednesday, September 3  
12:30-4:00 pm*

*Thursday, September 18  
12:30-4:00 pm*

*Contact Kathleen Zwanziger  
to volunteer*



## **September 21** **Celebrate!!!**

Celebrate Redeemer's 68<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

**Worship 10:00 am**  
**Potluck following worship**  
**Sister Act Sing-Along after**



### **Good Neighbors Picnic** **Saturday, September 27**

**Donations of blankets and cold  
weather clothing needed**

Watch *Reflections* for more details



### *Sister Act Fall Retreat*

*October 10-12*

*Hope Wood Pines*

*Register NOW!*

*For details contact Michele Disbro*

### **Senior Choir**

Rehearsal Sundays  
Beginning September 7  
8:45 - 9:30 am



**Add your voice**

All are welcome to join and  
sing praise to our Creator!



### **Chime Choir**

Rehearsals  
Saturdays - 10:00 am  
September 13 & 27

**Make a joyful  
noise with us!**



## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Rev. Lynn Carter-Edmands
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Joss Dana
<b>Cantor</b>	Al Rider
<b>ASL Interpreter</b>	Bryan Neal
<b>Organist &amp; Senior Choir Director</b>	Kathy Rapp
<b>Pianist &amp; Chime Choir Director</b>	Karen Kent
<b>Usher</b>	Mike Benis
<b>Verger</b>	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Becky Fisher, Eileen Day
<b>Producers</b>	Michele Disbro, Tom Mimplitch
<b>Hospitality</b>	Michelle Clemence and Kay Ernsthausen

*Flowers from the Redeemer gardens are given to the Glory of God.  
The Noisy Offering will go to Sikhone Rescue Centre in Kitengela, Kenya.*

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER AUGUST 31 – SEPTEMBER 7

<b>Today</b>	10:00 am	In-Person and Livestream Worship with Holy Communion
<b>Monday</b>		Labor Day
<b>Tuesday</b>	4:30 pm	Zoom Executive Team
<b>Wednesday</b>	12:30-4 pm	<b>RLC at LSS Food Pantry</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00 am	Garden Giveaway
<b>Next Sunday</b>	8:45 am	Senior Choir rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion and Reception of New Members
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education



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