

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



August 30, 2026 + 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

Day by Day, arr. John Carter

Welcome

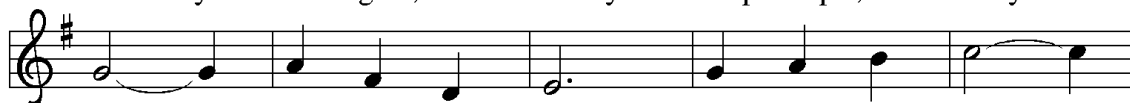


Hymn

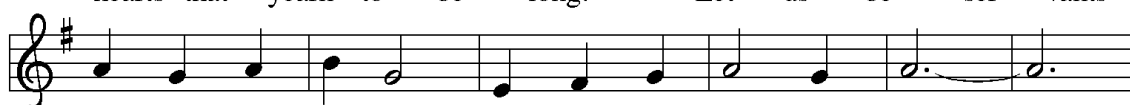
Christ, Be Our Light



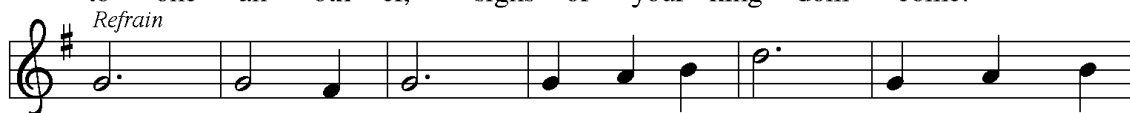
1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



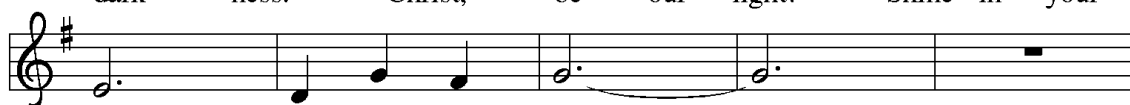
your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship 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, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

First Reading

Jeremiah 15:15-21

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

O Lord, you know;
 remember me and visit me,
 and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
 In your forbearance do not take me away;
 know that on your account I suffer insult.
 Your words were found, and I ate them,
 and your words became to me a joy
 and the delight of my heart,
 for I am called by your name,
 O Lord, God of hosts.

I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.
Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.
Therefore thus says the Lord:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.
And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the Lord.
I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

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

Psalm 26:1-8



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Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived | with integrity;
I have trusted in the Lord and | have not faltered.

**Test me, O | LORD, and try me;
examine my heart | and my mind.**

For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes;
I have walked faithful- | ly with you.

**I have not sat ¹ with the worthless,
nor do I consort with ¹ the deceitful.**

I have hated the company of ¹ evildoers;
I will not sit down ¹ with the wicked.

**I will wash my hands in inno- | cence, O LORD,
that I may go in procession | round your altar,**

singing aloud a song ¹ of thanksgiving
and recounting all your won- ¹ derful deeds.

**LORD, I love the house in | which you dwell
and the place where your glo- | ry abides.**



Second Reading

Romans 12:9-21

A reading from St. Paul's letter to the early church at Rome

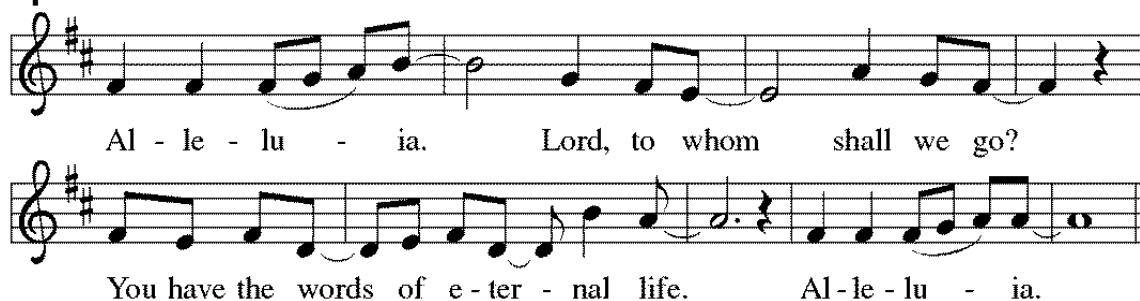
Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,]

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon

Pastor Elizabeth Hoster

Musical Reflection

I Love This Land

Amanda Udis-Kessler/Jean Sibelius
Connie Criswell, Emily Kent, Karen Kent, Al Rider

I love this land, I love my chosen country,
I love this land. I love what it could be.
A land of peace, a land where all could prosper,
A land of joy where we could all be free.
My love demands that I go make a difference
To heal this land. The work begins with me.

We love this land, the land we make our home in.
We love this land. We love it and we trust
We are the ones to ease the pain and sorrow,
We are the ones to make our country just.
Our love demands that we go make a difference,
To heal this land. The work begins with us.

All you who love this country that you live in,
Who love this land much more than you can say:
It's time to show how much you love this country.
It's time to birth a kinder, gentler way.
Your love demands that you go make a difference
To heal this land. The work begins today.

This anthem was written by Amanda Udis-Kessler to commemorate the 250th anniversary of American independence from a counter-cultural "Gospel-First perspective."



Apostles' Creed

We honor and celebrate our oneness with Christians in this time and throughout time 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

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, Mary Kennedy, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs,
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, Kathie Ehrich,
Dottie and Larry Bird, Sue, Tim, and Lisa Watson, Heidi Carman, Debbie Turner's friends
Sherrie and Jim Tompkins, Grace and Ken Jones and their son Dan Jones,
Emily Crosley, Bill Boys, Ranel and Neil Hoddinott's sister and brother-in-law Paulie
and Jerry Shaffer, Barbara Hairston, WilFrantz Raymond's sister Cheslie, Don Luck,
Greg Williams, Kathy and Tom Mimlitch's daughter Holly Ragland, Linda Williams' sister-
in-law Georgeann Neuzil, Karen Rider's friends Nancy McGinnis and Eileene Welker,
LaVerna Reinoehl, Drusanne Shaulis, Pastor's niece Olivia and family, Pastor Elizabeth
and family on the death of her brother Mark and the sudden death of her Aunt Mary,
Julianne Johnson's twin brother Paul, Don Crosley's mother Wanda
For the people of First English Lutheran Church in Columbus.
For Redeemer community members Diane Brobeck and Tammy DeNune.

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.

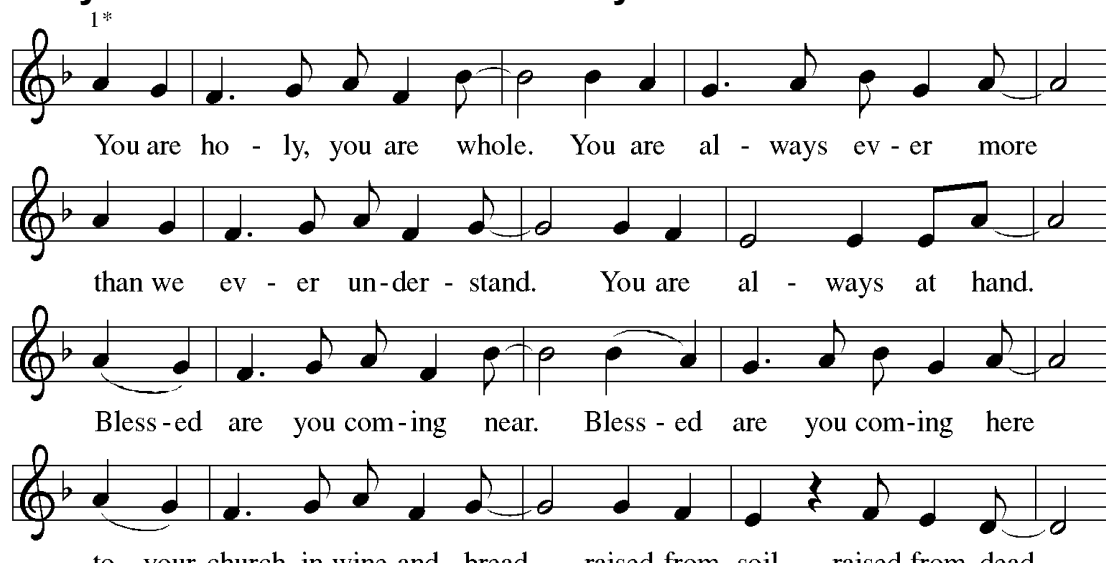
Since this is his meal, and he is present to us in it, all are welcome.

In body or spirit, please stand

Offertory

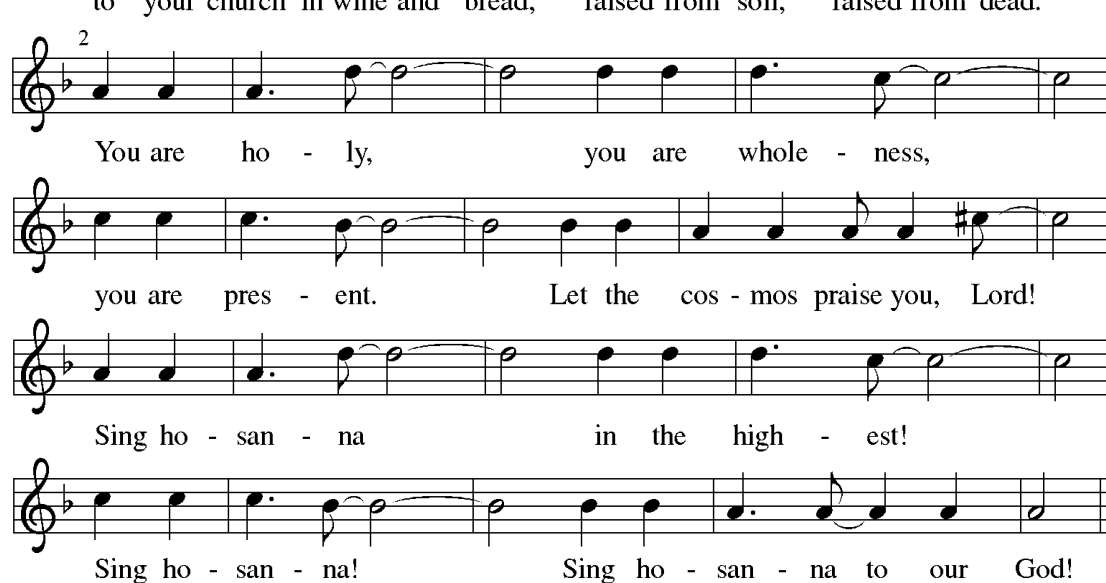
You Are Holy

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.

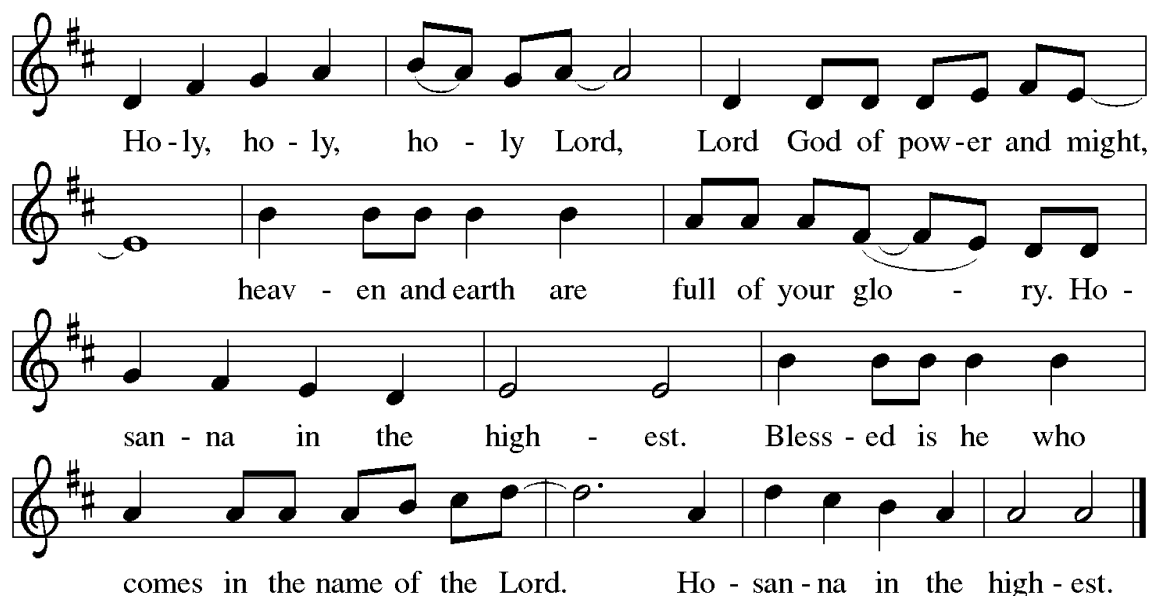
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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, Living God, and to gather together around this table. 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.



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 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

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

Let Streams of Living Justice

1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
 2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
 3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;
 give free-dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
 for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
 your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.
 The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
 Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
 Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,
 the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
 on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
 our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home-land bright-ly gleams.
 Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
 O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
 In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;
 a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
 dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
 your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

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Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

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Hymn

Day by Day

1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens

to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
 wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
 grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me

draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
 o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
 when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter

mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
 of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,
 what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,

lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
 help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
 with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

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 Music: BLOTT EN DAG, Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813–1882
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Please stand in body or spirit

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

Hymn

Jesus, Still Lead On

1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al-though the
2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less
3 When we seek re - lief from a long - felt grief, when temp - ta - tions
4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n - ly lead - er,

way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;
come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,

guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.
safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.
Music: SEELENBRÄUTIGAM, Adam Drese, 1620–1701

Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

***Fantasy on Holy Manna*, arr. John Carter**

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The communion liturgy is adapted from "Enter with Joy," by Pat Bennett, published by Wild Goose Publications.



A logo for Bible Study featuring a blue mug, a stack of books, and the text "Bible STUDY Join us!"

Tuesday Bible Study
1:00pm

In-Person and Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88008021077?pwd=ilN0WY0J2Ycrx1B2nv4inekcGFnkhZ.1>
Meeting ID: 880 0802 1077
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A logo for Lutheran Social Services featuring a stylized flame and the text "LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES".

LSS Food Pantry
Wednesday, September 2
12:30-4:00 pm
Thursday, September 17
12:30-4:00 pm

Contact Kathleen Zwanziger
to volunteer



RLC Garden Giveaway

Produce from our own garden
and donations from friends and neighbors

Saturday mornings

10 am until gone



RLC Serves

First English Lutheran Church

Community Dinner

Thursday, September 10

Food donations and volunteers needed

See *Reflections* for details



Sister Act

*Igniting Your Fire
by Pursuing Your Passions*

PURSUING POETRY

September 9 – 6:30 pm

Poetry Slam in the RLC garden

*For more information see *Reflections*
or contact Michele Disbro*

*Please join us for fellowship and
service*



Good Neighbors Picnic

Saturday, September 26

**Now collecting cold weather
items: blankets, sweatshirts, hats,
gloves, scarves, etc.**

Collection bins are in the cloakroom

September 13 - 27 + 11:15 am
Room 2

**Come From Away –
The Hospitality of Gander
following 9/11**
Brad Binau

In-Person and Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88328796239?pwd=1QGr6l9wrPHlkYbarnIBHVeQWwMznVu.1>

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Blessing
of the
Backpacks

Blessing of the

+ Backpacks

+ Brief Cases

+ Tote Bags

+ Pocketbooks

...whatever you use to carry
your essentials every day

During worship on
Sunday September 13



Monthly Sunday School for all ages!

Sunday, September 13 == 11:15 am



Birthdays this week:

31 – Lynn Belhorn

1 – Joanie Engel

5 – Trina Thornton

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	Elizabeth Hoster, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Mary Benis
Reader	Mary Benis
Cantor	Connie Criswell
Organist & Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Mike Benis
Verger	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
Communion Prep	Kathryn & Caroline Ott, D. Brobeck, K. Rider
Producers	Toshi Phillips, Sachio Phillips
Hospitality	Judith and Ashley Bird

*Flowers are given by **Judith and Ashley Bird** in honor of **Matt and Alyssa's** birthdays.
The Noisy Offering will go to Habitat for Humanity MidOhio.*

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER AUGUST 30 – SEPTEMBER 6

Today	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	5:30 pm	Movie Night: Come from Away
Tuesday	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
	4:30 pm	ZOOM Executive Team
	5:15 pm	ZOOM Outreach Team
Wednesday	12:30 pm	RLC at LSS Food Pantry
Saturday	10:00 am	Garden Giveaway
Next Sunday	9:00 am	Choir rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion

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