



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Loaves, Loaves, and More Loaves

August 25, 2024

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

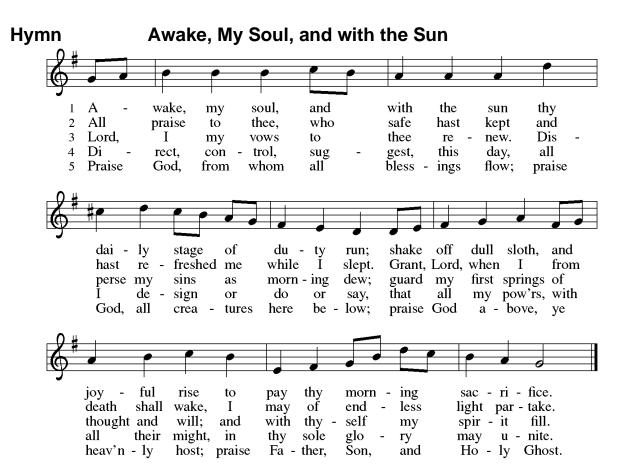
Please be respectful of people who use this time to prepare for worship.

Prelude

Come, Let Us Eat

arr. John Carter

Welcome



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.

Music: MORNING HYMN, François H. Barthélémon, 1741-1808

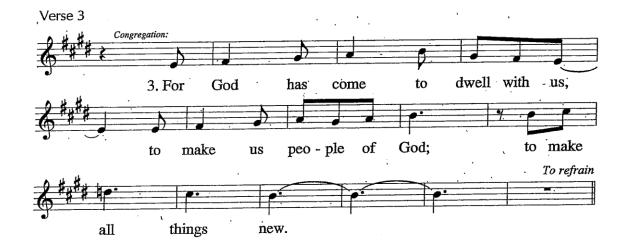
Greeting

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

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated



WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading

1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43 (The Message)

A reading from the first book of Kings

Before the entire congregation of Israel, Solomon took a position before the Altar, spread his hands out before heaven, and prayed,

O God, God of Israel, there is no God like you in the skies above or on the earth below who unswervingly keeps covenant with his servants and relentlessly loves them as they sincerely live in obedience to your way. You kept your word to David my father, your personal word. You did exactly what you promised—every detail. The proof is before us today!

Keep it up, God, O God of Israel! Continue to keep the promises you made to David my father when you said, "You'll always have a descendant to represent my rule on Israel's throne, on the condition that your sons are as careful to live obediently in my presence as you have."

O God of Israel, let this all happen; confirm and establish it!

Can it be that God will actually move into our neighborhood? Why, the cosmos itself isn't large enough to give you breathing room, let alone this Temple I've built. Even so, I'm bold to ask: Pay attention to these my prayers, both intercessory and personal, O God, my God. Listen to my prayers, energetic and devout, that I'm setting before you right now.

Listen from your home in heaven and when you hear, forgive.

And don't forget the foreigner who is not a member of your people Israel but has come from a far country because of your reputation. People are going to be attracted here by your great reputation, your wonder-working power, who come to pray at this Temple.

Listen from your home in heaven.

Honor the prayers of the foreigner so that people all over the world will know who you are and what you're like and will live in reverent obedience before you, just as your own people Israel do; so they'll know that you personally make this Temple that I've built what it is.

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

Psalm 84



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How dear to me | is your dwelling,

O | LORD of hosts!

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts | of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the | living God.

Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may I lay her young,

by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king | and my God.

Happy are they who dwell | in your house!

They will always be | praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength | is in you, whose hearts are set on the | pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a | place of springs,

for the early rains have covered it with | pools of water.

They will climb from ¹ height to height, and the God of gods will be ¹ seen in Zion.

LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob.

Behold our defend- | er, O God;

and look upon the face of I your anointed.

For one day in your courts is better than a | thousand elsewhere.

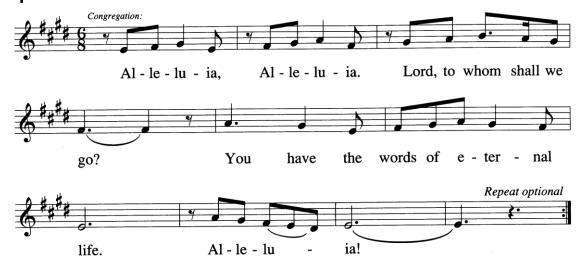
I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God than dwell in the tents | of the wicked.

For the LORD God is both sun and shield, bestowing | grace and glory; no good thing will the LORD withhold from those who walk | with integrity.

O | LORD of hosts,

happy are they who put their | trust in you!

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel

John 6:51-69 (The Message)
Glory to you, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John

I am the Bread—living Bread!—who came down out of heaven. Anyone who eats this Bread will live—and forever! The Bread that I present to the world so that it can eat and live is myself, this flesh-and-blood self."

At this, the Jews started fighting among themselves: "How can this man serve up his flesh for a meal?"But Jesus didn't give an inch. "Only insofar as you eat and drink flesh and blood, the flesh and blood of the Son of Man, do you have life within you. The one who brings a hearty appetite to this eating and drinking has eternal life and will be fit and ready for the Final Day. My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. By eating my flesh and drinking my blood you enter into me and I into you. In the same way that the fully alive Father sent me here and I live because of him, so the one who makes a meal of me lives because of me. This is the Bread from heaven. Your ancestors ate bread and later died. Whoever eats this Bread will live always."

He said these things while teaching in the meeting place in Capernaum. Many among his disciples heard this and said, "This is tough teaching, too tough to swallow."

Jesus sensed that his disciples were having a hard time with this and said, "Does this rattle you completely? What would happen if you saw the Son of Man ascending to where he came from? The Spirit can make life. Sheer muscle and willpower don't make anything happen. Every word I've spoken to you is a Spirit-word, and so it is life-making. But some of you are resisting, refusing to have any part in this." (Jesus knew from the start that some weren't going to risk themselves with him. He knew also who would betray him.) He went on to say, "This is why I told you earlier

that no one is capable of coming to me on his own. You get to me only as a gift from the Father."

After this, many of his disciples left. They no longer wanted to be associated with him. Then Jesus gave the Twelve their chance: "Do you also want to leave?"

Peter replied, "Master, to whom would we go? You have the words of real life, eternal life. We've already committed ourselves, confident that you are the Holy One of God."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

DEVOURING JESUS: TOO TOUGH TO SWALLOW?

Please be seated

Proclamation



Musical Reflection

Scott Steiner

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....

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, Heidi Carman, Mary Kennedy, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, 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, Skye Andree, Carolyn Moehring, Kris Kauffman, Ruth Murray's daughter Ellen Rose, Kathie Ehrich, Elaine Warren, Nate Bird's father-in-law Wendell Jordan, Becky Trover's sister Maddie Sutphin, niece Olivia Theissen and son-in-law Brandon James, Kandice Hoddinott-Ward, Brittany Amon, John Huber, Mary Watts, Barbara and David Hairston, Dottie and Larry Bird, Paul Johnson, Ranel Hoddinott, Karen Kent, Diane Brobeck, Judith Bird For the people of Trinity Lutheran Church in Columbus

Time with the Young People

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

For Redeemer community members Ruth and Bill Boys

And also with you.

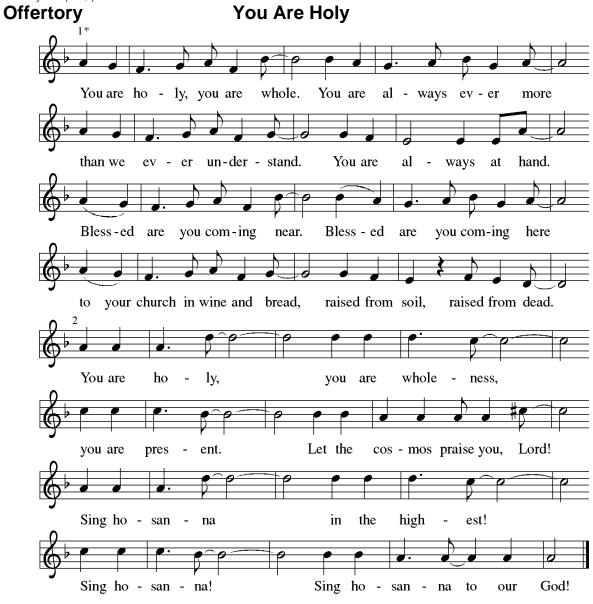
Members are encouraged to move around the sanctuary to greet each with a hearty handshake or a hug. For those who have special concerns or who do not wish close contact, please offer a sign of blessing to let others know you are more comfortable greeting them from a distance.

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.

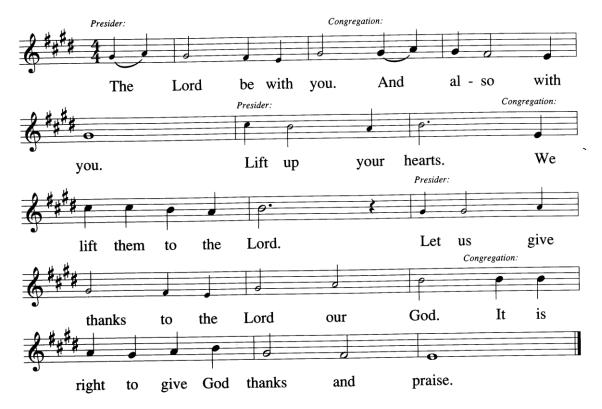


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Great Thanksgiving

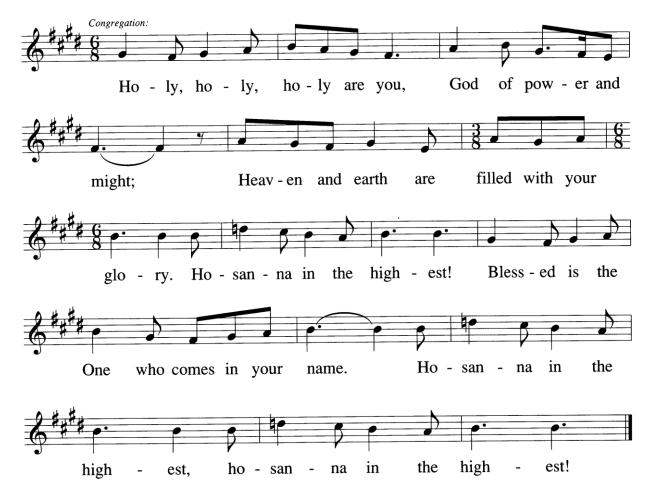


God, you are before all things; you are beyond all things; and in the midst of all things and all peoples you have made yourself known.

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:



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

Please be seated

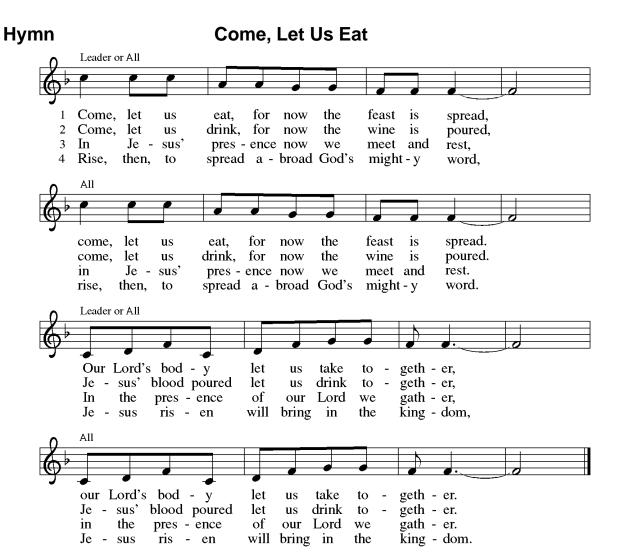
The gifts of God, for the people of God. Jesus welcomed all to this meal. So do we.

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.



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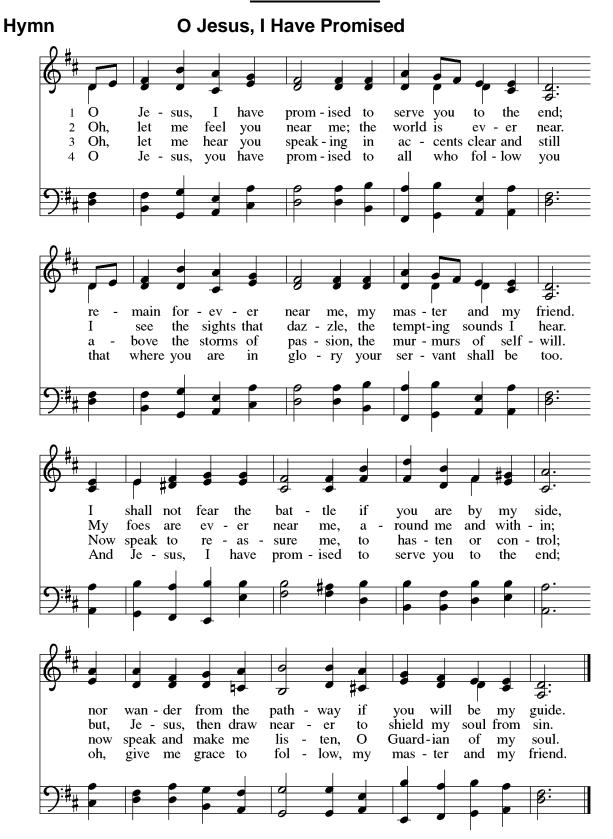
Please stand in body or spirit

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



Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt. Music: MUNICH, Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693

Announcements

Postlude Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ arr. J

arr. John Carter

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Adult Ed Beginning in September – 11:15 am

LEADING CAUSES OF LIFE

"Connection Causes Life"
"Coherence Causes Life"
"Agency Causes Life"
"Blessing Causes Life"
"Hope Causes Life"

9/15 Sermon feedback with Guest Preacher Kevin Dudley

In-Person and Zoom:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88957366923?pwd=TnV6cFB4 ZUpET25USTgzZ0diZlhnQT09

Meeting ID: 889 5736 6923 = Passcode: 383835 Phone only: 1-312-626-6799





Monthly Sunday School for all ages! Sunday, September 8 == 11:15 am



Sister Act

LOVINGKINDNESS

Assembling Care Kits
for unhoused persons
with Sunday School children

Sunday September 8 - 11:15 am

For more information see Reflections or contact Michele Disbro or Julianne Johnson.

Please join us for fellowship and service

Community Blessing of the Backpacks and Ice Cream Social





September $8^{th} = 4:00 - 5:30$ Church Lawn

Pastor Brad will be blessing backpacks for students, and all involved can also enjoy some ice cream and toppings.

Come meet some of our neighborhood kids and enjoy some ice cream.



Journaling
Workshop
7:00 pm
August 27
In Person - Outer
Pastor's Office



RLC Garden Giveaway

Produce from our own garden and donations from friends and neighbors

Saturday mornings 10 am until gone



Is there a topic or a Bible passage you've always wanted to have addressed in a sermon?

The Worship Committee would love to hear from you and on **Sunday**, **October 13** Pastor Brad will address the topic that stirs the most interest.

Send your suggestion to info@redeemerluth.com or fill out the green form in back of the sanctuary and drop it in the offering plate.

Submit your suggestion by *Sunday, September 8*. The Worship Committee will select the three most intriguing suggestions and you'll have until **September 15** to make a final vote!



Bible Study

The Book of Revelation

Tuesdays + 1:00 pm Beginning September 3

In-Person and Zoom:

https://us02web.zoom.us//82259660622?pwd=R2pHTWl1 bHR0N1FHbFRZdStqbk9Bdz09

Meeting ID: 822 5966 0622 = Passcode: 435549 Phone only: 1-301 715 8592

Senior Choir

Rehearsal Sundays 8:45 – 9:30 am Starting September 8





Good Neighbors Picnic Saturday, September 28

Donations of blankets and cold weather Clothing needed

Watch Reflections for more details

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister Brad Binau, Pastor **Assisting Minister** Karen Rider Jennifer Young Cantor **ASL Interpreter** Bryan Neal Kathy Rapp **Organist & Senior Choir Director Pianist & Chime Choir Director** Karen Kent Kathleen Zwanziger Usher Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica Verger **Communion Prep** Kathleen Zwanziger, Becky Trover, Karen Rider **Producers** Michele Disbro, Sue Yehling **Hospitality Bread Bakers**

Flowers are given by **Judith and Ashley Bird** in honor of **Matt Bird's birthday**. Noisy Offering will go to Bishop Griffin Resource Center garden.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER AUGUST 25 - SEPTEMBER 1

Today	10:00 am	In-Person and Livestream Worship with Holy Communion
Tuesday	•	Worship Team Journaling Workshop
Saturday	10:00 am	Garden Giveaway
Next Sunday	10:00 am	In-Person and Livestream Worship with Holy Communion





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