

*The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
**September 18, 2022**  
**8:30 a.m.**

**Redeemer Lutheran Church and School**

*Reaching Out into the Community  
To Do What's Best for the Community*

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**W**elcome to worship with the Redeemer family! We are pleased that you joined us for worship today. Our regular worship schedule each Sunday is **8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.** Adult and youth Bible classes are held at **9:45 a.m.** as listed in the information page. If infants/toddlers become restless during worship, you are welcome to use the parent's room, located at the right of the narthex as you leave the sanctuary, but please come back. Children's quiet bags for use during church services are available in the narthex.

## **Order of Worship**

The worshipers are invited to sing or speak the words in **bold print** throughout the worship service.

### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Call to Worship**

“Sing and Shout”

Redman

Your cross, Your cross, it draws me to Your heart,  
It makes my spirit sing, it makes my spirit sing.  
Your grace, Your grace, oh, I hear it call my name.

I’m waking up to sing, I’m waking up to sing. Oh, oh, oh, oh. (*Repeat*)

(Chorus) We will sing and shout, yeah, sing and shout,  
Open up our hearts and pour Your praises out.  
We will sing and shout, yeah, sing and shout,  
Open up our hearts and pour Your praises out.

Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh.

Because, because, because Your love came down,  
It makes me want to sing, it makes me want to sing.  
Because, because, because You call my name,

I’m waking up to sing, I’m waking up to sing! (*Chorus*)

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### **Confession and Forgiveness**

**In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Through Baptism, the Holy Spirit raises us a new way of living which starts in our hearts and minds, then branches out into our daily relationships with believer and unbeliever. It is life characterized by sacrifice, service, love, honor, prayer, blessing, humility, and peace, even toward those who seek to harm us. Paul writes in Romans 12:2 – “*Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern the good, acceptable and perfect will of God.*”

**Father, it is so hard to live in this world and not be influenced by it. We fail so many times. However, we are so thankful You do not base Your love and forgiveness on how well we live. You base it on how well Jesus did. He lived the perfect life, made the perfect sacrifice, and perfectly conquered death by His resurrection. I put my faith in Him. Forgive me for His sake and restore to me the joy of salvation. Through the Holy Spirit help me live in the world but not of it. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for His sake God forgives you all your sin of mind, word, and deed. His resurrection guarantees it. You are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## *Song of Praise*

“Change My Heart, O God”

Eddie Espinosa

Change my heart, O God. Make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God. May I be like You.  
You are the potter; I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.  
Change my heart, O God. Make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God. May I be like You.

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## *Prayer of the Day*

**Lord Jesus, strengthen us for everyday life, and grant us the peace and comfort which only you can provide. Amen.**

## *The First Reading*

Daniel 2:31-45 ESV

*All earthly kingdoms will fail. Only one Kingdom will endure forever.*

“You saw, O king, and behold, a great image. This image, mighty and of exceeding brightness, stood before you, and its appearance was frightening.<sup>32</sup> The head of this image was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its middle and thighs of bronze,<sup>33</sup> its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.<sup>34</sup> As you looked, a stone was cut out by no human hand, and it struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces.<sup>35</sup> Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold, all together were broken in pieces, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, so that not a trace of them could be found. But the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.<sup>36</sup> “This was the dream. Now we will tell the king its interpretation.<sup>37</sup> You, O king, the king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, and the might, and the glory,<sup>38</sup> and into whose hand he has given, wherever they dwell, the children of man, the beasts of the field, and the birds of the heavens, making you rule over them all—you are the head of gold.<sup>39</sup> Another kingdom inferior to you shall arise after you, and yet a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth.<sup>40</sup> And there shall be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron, because iron breaks to pieces and shatters all things. And like iron that crushes, it shall break and crush all these.<sup>41</sup> And as you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter’s clay and partly of iron, it shall be a divided kingdom, but some of the firmness of iron shall be in it, just as you saw iron mixed with the soft clay.<sup>42</sup> And as the toes of the feet were partly iron and partly clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly brittle.<sup>43</sup> As you saw the iron mixed with soft clay, so they will mix with one another in marriage, but they will not hold together, just as iron does not mix with clay.<sup>44</sup> And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever,<sup>45</sup> just as you saw that a stone was cut from a mountain by no human hand, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold. A great God has made known to the king what shall be after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation sure.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**The Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 15:20-28 ESV

*All believers are made alive in Christ.*

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
<sup>21</sup> For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.<sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.<sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.<sup>24</sup> Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power.<sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.<sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death.<sup>27</sup> For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him.<sup>28</sup> When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**The Gospel Reading**

John 16:25-33 ESV

*Jesus overcomes all things, always.*

“I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father.<sup>26</sup> In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf;<sup>27</sup> for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.<sup>28</sup> I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”<sup>29</sup> His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech!<sup>30</sup> Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.”<sup>31</sup> Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe?<sup>32</sup> Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me.<sup>33</sup> I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ!**

**Children's Message**

Redeemer's First Grade Students

**Sermon Song of Praise**

“Lift High the Cross”

Kitchin/Newbolt/Nicholson

*Chorus: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.*

*Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,  
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (chorus)*

*Led on their way by this triumphant sign,*

The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. (*chorus*)  
All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. (*chorus*)  
O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. (*chorus*)  
So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
**Praise to the Crucified for victory!** (*chorus*)

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### *Message*

#### *The Nicene Creed*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### *Prayers of the People*

#### *Gathering of the Tithes and Offerings*

(Please stand when the pastor stands and approaches the altar.)

“God So Loved” Cash

Come all you weary, come all you thirsty. Come to the well that never runs dry.  
Drink of the water, come and thirst no more.

Come all you sinners, come find His mercy. Come to the table; He will satisfy.  
Taste of His goodness, find what you’re looking for.

(Chorus) For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us.  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

**Bring all your failures, bring your addictions.  
Come lay them down and the foot of the cross.  
Jesus is waiting there with open arms. (Chorus)**

**The pow'r of hell forever defeated. Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom.  
For God so loved, God so loved the world.**

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### ***The Offering Prayer***

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

### ***The Words of Institution***

### ***The Sharing of the Peace***

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

### ***Distribution Songs of Praise***

(*Holy Communion is a special meal for the baptized followers of Jesus. Jesus is present in the bread and wine. He says, "This is My body...This is My blood." If you share this belief in His real presence, are repentant of your sins, and are baptized in the Triune God, you are welcome. Children who have not received instruction in the meaning of Holy Communion are invited forward for a blessing; please fold your arms in front of you. Wine is offered via the common cup and individual glass. Non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center of each tray. Hand your connection card to the usher as you go up for communion..) (Please join in singing:)*)

**"Lamb of God"**

Marty Haugen

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:**

**Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You are the way of mercy and love:**

**Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You are the bread of life for us all:**

**Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:**

**Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.**

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**"It Was Finished Upon That Cross"**

Robinson/Thompson

**How I love the voice of Jesus on the Cross of Calvary.**

**He declares His work is finished; He has spoken this hope to me.**

**Though the sun had ceased its shining, though the war appeared as lost,**

**Christ has triumphed over evil. It was finished upon that Cross.**

**Now the curse, it has been broken; Jesus paid the price for me.**

**Full, the pardon He has offered. Great, the welcome that I receive.**

**Boldly I approach my Father, clothed in Jesus' righteousness.**

**There is no more guilt to carry. It was finished upon that Cross.**

**Death was once my great opponent, fear once had a hold on me.  
But the Son who died to save us rose that we would be free indeed.**

**Death was once my great opponent, fear once had a hold on me.  
But the Son who died to save us rose that we would be free indeed!  
Yes, He rose that we would be free indeed!**

**Free from ev'ry plan of darkness, free to live and free to love.  
Death is dead and Christ is risen. It was finished upon that Cross.**

**Onward to eternal glory, to my Savior and my God.**

**I rejoice in Jesus' vict'ry. It was finished upon that Cross.**

**It was finished upon that Cross. It was finished upon that Cross.**

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“Creation Sings The Father’s Song”

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**Creation sings the Father's song; He calls the sun to wake the dawn  
And run the course of day, Till evening falls in crimson rays.  
His fingerprints in flakes of snow; His breath upon this spinning globe;  
He charts the eagle's flight, Commands the newborn baby's cry.**

*Chorus:* **Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing:  
Hallelujah! Fill the earth with songs of worship,  
Tell the wonders of creation's King.**

**Creation gazed upon His face; The ageless One in time's embrace,  
Unveiled the Father's plan Of reconciling God and man  
A second Adam walked the earth, Whose blameless life would break the curse,  
Whose death would set us free To live with Him eternally. (*Chorus*)**

**Creation longs for His return, When Christ shall reign upon the earth;  
The bitter wars that rage Are birth pains of a coming age.  
When He renews the land and sky, All heav'n will sing and earth reply  
With one resplendent theme: The glory of our God and King! (*Chorus*)**

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### ***The Communion Blessing***

### ***The Prayer of Thanksgiving***

### ***The Benediction***

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**Amen.**

Forgiven and fed, you are now entering the mission field.

**Here am I, Lord, send me!**

Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

**Closing Song of Praise**                    “Sing Wherever I Go”                    Bergthold

(Chorus) All my life, all I know, God’s been good, good to my soul.

Mountain high, valley low, I’m gonna sing wherever I go. (Repeat chorus)

God is for me, He’s not against me. I will hold to the plans He has for me.

When I’m broken, He will fix me. I will call on the name of the Lord. (Chorus)

He’s my heartsong in my sorrow. He’s my hope and my strength for tomorrow.

When the storms rise all around me, I will call on the name of the Lord. (Chorus twice)

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