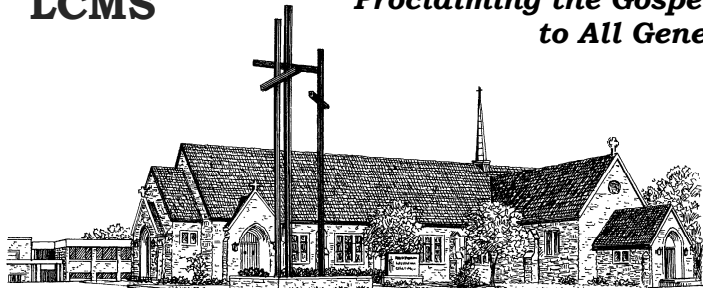


# Redeemer Lutheran Church

LCMS

*“Proclaiming the Gospel  
to All Generations”*



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***THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
Saturday, September 19, and  
Sunday, September 20, 2020.***

**WELCOME!** May the Lord bless your time in this place! We ask that all worshippers sign an attendance card and place it in the appropriate box in the narthex. If you are not a member of Redeemer and are **interested in becoming a member**, please contact one of the Pastors.

**PARENTS OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS:** During this time, we will temporarily close the nursery space off from playing activities. The nursery toys and children's activity bags have been stored away. The nursery should only be used for mothers who are nursing and diaper changing needs. A diaper changing table is also available in the main narthex bathroom. Thank you for your understanding. When it is safe to resume to normal activities, the nursery toys and the activity bags will return.

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**PLEASE WEAR YOUR FACE MASK** at all times, removing it only to receive Holy Communion. Remember, *"Wearing a mask is not just about you; it's also about your neighbor."*

**PLEASE RESPECT** the prayerful atmosphere of this holy place. We ask you to turn off all cell phones and electronic devices. Thank you!

**DID YOU FORGET** your offering envelope? Extra envelopes are located in the tract rack of each narthex.

**LISTENING DEVICES** are available for those who need assistance in hearing the service. Please speak to the Elder on duty (main narthex) if you need one.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS WITH HYMNS** are available in the main narthex.

**HOLY COMMUNION** will be celebrated at all services this weekend in continuous style. All communicants should sign the Communion registration side of an attendance card. A common participation in the Altar of Christ assumes a common unity of faith and doctrine. We therefore ask that all guests who are not in fellowship with the Lutheran Church -- Missouri Synod contact one of the pastors prior to the Divine Service before presenting themselves at the Altar for the Holy Communion. Thank you!

**THE PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** *As we work together with others in the Church, O Christ, help us to see that we are all working toward a common goal--the spreading of the Gospel for the salvation of souls. Forgive us for letting conflicts here on earth get in the way of Your heavenly mission, and allow us to see that all will be made clear on the very last day. In Your name we pray. Amen.*

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*(LSB, pp. 203-212)*

**THE PRELUDE**

**THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES**

**THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## THE PREPARATION

### THE HYMN: 807 – “When Morning Gilds the Skies”



1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, My heart, a - wak - ing, cries,  
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, This is my song of songs:  
3 No love-lier an - ti - phon In all high heav'n is known  
4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, In this your con - cord find:  
5 Sing, suns and stars of space, Sing, ye that see His face,



“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” When eve - ning shad - ows fall,  
“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” God’s ho - ly house of prayer  
Than “Je - sus Christ be praised!” There to the e - ter - nal Word  
“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” Let all the earth a - round  
Sing, “Je - sus Christ be praised!” God’s whole cre - a - tion o’er,



This rings my cur-few call: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”  
Hath none that can com- pare With “Je - sus Christ be praised!”  
The e - ter - nal psalm is heard: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”  
Ring joy - ous with the sound: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”  
Both now and ev - er - more Shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

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*(Please stand for the last stanza)*

### THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P (Pastor): In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C (Congregation): Amen.**

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.

Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

P: Almighty God,

**C: have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

### THE SALUTATION *(Spoken)*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

**All: Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

### THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 55:6-9

P: The Old Testament Reading for the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost is from the 55<sup>th</sup> chapter of Isaiah.

<sup>6</sup> “Seek the LORD while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near;

<sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake his way,

and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts. (ESV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**THE GRADUAL** (*Spoken*)

P: Fear the Lord, you his saints,

**C: for those who fear him lack nothing!**

P: Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

**C: but the Lord delivers him out of them all.** (ESV)

**THE EPISTLE:** Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

P: The Epistle is from the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of Philippians.

<sup>12</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, <sup>13</sup>so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. <sup>14</sup>And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

....

<sup>19</sup>for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, <sup>20</sup>as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup>For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. <sup>24</sup>But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. <sup>25</sup>Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup>so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

<sup>27</sup>Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are

standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. <sup>29</sup>For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, <sup>30</sup>engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have. (ESV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand)*

**THE VERSE** (*Spoken*)

**All: Alleluia. By grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. Alleluia.** (ESV)

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:** Matthew 20:1-16

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: (*Spoken*) Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>“For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup>and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ <sup>5</sup>So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ <sup>8</sup>And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ <sup>9</sup>And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup>And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, <sup>12</sup>saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose

with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ 16 So the last will be first, and the first last.” (ESV)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *(Spoken)* Praise to You, O Christ.

**THE NICENE CREED**

**All: 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.**

**And 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.**

*(Please be seated)*

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY: 738 - “Lord of All Hopefulness”**



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:  
 Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
 Your hands swift to wel - come, Your arms to em - brace:  
 Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
 Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,  
 Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
 Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
 Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
 Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
 Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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**THE SERMON**

Title: “Seek the Lord while He may be Found”

Text: Isaiah 55:6-9

*(Please stand)*

**THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*(At the conclusion of each petition, the Pastor will say, “Lord, in your mercy.” The congregation should then respond, “Hear Our Prayer.”)*

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

**THE OFFERING**

*(Please stand)*

**THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: O Father, the wage You have promised us is generous beyond imagination--

**C: life, forever, in paradise.**

P: Even so, O Father, keep us mindful of the fact

**C: that we have responsibilities in the vineyard of Your world.**

P: Accept these gifts as the fruit of our labor,

**C: and the promise of work to be done.**

P: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### THE COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Spoken)*

**C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### THE PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

### THE AGNUS DEI *(Sung; LSB, p. 210)*

**All: O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

*(Please be seated)*

### THE DISTRIBUTION AND THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#### *A Prayer before receiving the Sacrament*

*Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

#### *A Prayer after receiving the Sacrament*

*Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the Holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal, through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.*

### THE HYMN: 637 – “Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,  
2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;  
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;  
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



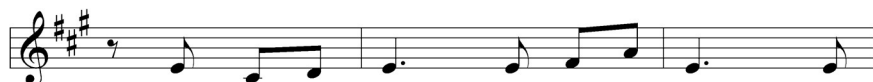
Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,  
With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,  
O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



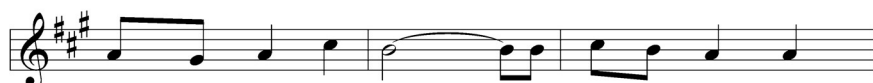
Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.  
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.  
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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### THE HYMN: 720 – “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”



1 We walk by faith and not by sight, No  
2 We may not touch His hands and side, Nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; And  
4 For You, O res - ur - ect - ed Lord, Are  
5 Lord, when our life of faith is done, In



gra - cious words we hear From Him who spoke as  
fol - low where He trod; But in His prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound To call on You when  
found in means di - vine: Be - neath the wa - ter  
realms of clear - er light We may be - hold You



none e'er spoke, But we be - lieve Him near.  
we re - joice And cry “My Lord and God!”  
You are near And seek where You are found.  
and the Word, Be - neath the bread and wine.  
as You are, With full and end - less sight.

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### THE HYMN: 716 – “I Walk in Danger All the Way” – Stanzas 1-5



1 I walk in dan - ger all the way. The thought shall nev - er  
2 I pass through tri - als all the way, With sin and ills con -  
3 And death pur - sues me all the way, No - where I rest se -  
4 I walk with an - gels all the way, They shield me and be -  
5 I walk with Je - sus all the way, His guid - ance nev - er



leave me That Sa - tan, who has marked his prey, Is  
tend - ing; In pa - tience I must bear each day The  
cure - ly; He comes by night, he comes by day, He  
friend me; All Sa - tan's pow'r is held at bay When  
fails me; With - in His wounds I find a stay When



plot - ting to de - ceive me. This foe with hid - den snares  
cross of God's own send - ing. When in ad - ver - si - ty  
takes his prey most sure - ly. A fail - ing breath, and I  
heav'n - ly hosts at - tend me; They are my sure de - fense,  
Sa - tan's pow'r as - sails me; And by His foot - steps led,



May seize me un - a - wares If I should fail to  
I know not where to flee, When storms of woe my  
In death's strong grasp may lie To face e - ter - ni -  
All fear and sor - row, hence! Un - harmed by foes, do  
My path I safe - ly tread. No e - vil leads my



watch and pray. I walk in dan - ger all the way.  
soul dis - may, I pass through tri - als all the way.  
ty to - day, As death pur - sues me all the way.  
what they may, I walk with an - gels all the way.  
soul a - stray; I walk with Je - sus all the way.

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*(Please stand)*

### THE GENERAL DISMISSAL

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.

C: Amen.

### THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

P: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who

lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C: Amen.**

**THE BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION** (*Spoken; LSB, p.212*)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: 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.

**C: (Spoken) Amen.**

**THE SILENT PRAYER**

**THE THREE CHIMES**

*(Please be seated)*

**THE POSTLUDE**

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**SERVING US TODAY**

**Liturgist & Celebrant:** Pastor Mark H. Ebert

**Preacher:** Pastor Joel A. C. Dietrich

**Organist:** Joe Herl

**Acolytes:** 6:00PM – Aden Mairs

8:30AM – Andrew Guilford & Lydia Guilford

11:00AM – Emily Bahensky & Ryan Bahensky

**Chancel Guild:** Lori Lane & Paulette Milem

Sandie Smith

Cindy Stevens & Judy Weyand

**Elder on Duty:** 6:00PM – Bill Arneson

8:30AM – Derek Trutna

11:00AM – Roland Hill

**Head Usher:** 6:00PM – Larry Bornschlegl

8:30AM – Jeremy Bloch

11:00AM – Ty Sarvis

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< **NEWS & NOTES** >

**THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

***Disciples Live in Their Vocations by Grace through Faith in Christ***

Those who are sent as “*laborers for his vineyard*” (Matt. 20:1) depict the wide diversity of vocations to which the disciples of Christ Jesus are called. Whatever our particular stations in life may be, we are called to live and serve by faith in His promises. Our labors do not merit anything before Him, for He is already generous to one and all without partiality. In mercy, He has chosen to bear “*the burden of the day and the scorching heat*” on our behalf, to make us equal to Himself and to give us what belongs to Him, that is, the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 20:12–15). This way of the Lord is foolishness to the world and foreign to our thoughts, but He draws near, so that “*he may be found*” (Is. 55:6), “*have compassion*” and “*abundantly pardon*” (Is. 55:7). So it is that we are found in Christ Jesus, and He is honored in our bodies, “*whether by life or by death*” (Phil. 1:20), by “*fruitful labor*” (Phil. 1:22) or by suffering. It is by faith in His forgiveness that our works are “*worthy of the gospel*” (Phil. 1:27).

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** today are given to the glory of God by:

- ❖ Barb Morris and the families of Jerry Ellis and David Ellis in loving memory of Robert W. Ellis and Hugh Morris.
- ❖ Pastor Richard & Esther Albers in thankfulness for their lifelong blessings and on the occasion of Esther's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday which is September 21<sup>st</sup>.



**THE BULLETIN** today is given to the glory of God by Ruth Schultz in loving memory of her father, Harold Hartman, who was born on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**OPEN DATES AND NUMBER OF BOUQUETS** available to sponsor the chancel flowers for October 18-2; November 1-8, 8-15. The cost of each bouquet is \$25. To place an order, please call the church office. **Please remember to return the black liners to the office.**

**OPEN DATES TO SPONSOR THE BULLETIN:** October 11, 18; November 8, 15, 22. The cost of bulletin sponsorship is \$25 per Sunday or special service. To reserve a date, please call the church office.

**REHABILITATION:** Les Roberts (The Landing)



**HOSPICE:** Marian Radford (Tabitha)

**WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** to the family and friends of Helen Chancellor. Helen was called to eternal rest early Wednesday morning, September 16<sup>th</sup>. The memorial service is tentatively planned for Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

**WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** to the family and friends of Bert Schlichting. Bert was called to eternal rest on Friday morning, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Arrangements are pending.

**TODAY WOR IS COLLECTING MITES** (coins and bills) for the work of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. (This takes place the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.) Please bring your loose change to the box in either narthex. For the month of August, they collected \$83.95. Thank you!

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** for September 26 & 27

Isaiah 55:6-9

Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

Matthew 20:1-16

*Prepare to worship by reading and meditating on these sections of Scripture.*

**OUR RESPONSE TO THE REDEEMER LAST WEEKEND**

Worship Attendance: 227 (52-108-67)

Weekday Communion: 16

Sunday School & Bible Classes Attendance: 117 (56-61)

Online Service Stream: 163\*\*

<u>Unified Budget Receipts</u>	<u>Budget Needs</u>	<u>Ahead (Behind)</u>
9-13-20 \$13,400.44	\$16,974.17	<b>(\$3,573.73)</b>
YTD \$581,718.01	\$628,044.40	<b>(\$46,326.39)</b>

*\*\*Number of views online as of 9/17/20*

## Weekday Communion Opportunity



As the pandemic continues, we have added another opportunity to receive the Lord's Supper. This is primarily intended for those who are able to be out and about, but who feel uncomfortable or unsafe in attending the regular services due to age and/or health related issues.

On Tuesdays from 9:30-11:30AM and 6:00-7:00PM & Thursdays from 9:30-11:30AM we will observe 15-minute periods for 1-5 people in the main narthex to receive Communion. Appointments need to be made by calling the church office (402-477-1710).

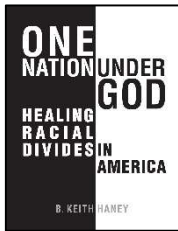
On the day of their appointment, people should wait in their cars until the appointed time and then enter the main narthex through the west doors. Face masks should be worn at all times. Hand sanitizer & extra masks will be available inside the door. People will be seated in the narthex on folding chairs arranged in accordance with social distancing guidelines.





### **SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDIES RESUME!**

Pastor Ebert's class is currently going through a Bible study entitled, "Coping with Fear." The COVID-19 pandemic has brought many hardships, even to those in the church: fear, guilt, financial strain, anger, exhaustion. As part of its *Making Disciples for Life* initiative, this Bible study series from The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod addresses these various trials in light of God's Word and promises for us. The class meets in the Fellowship Hall from 9:50-10:30AM. We will observe social distance seating. Please wear your face mask.

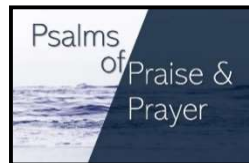


### **PASTOR DIETRICH HAS ALSO RESUMED HIS**

**BIBLE CLASS.** The class meets in FEC Room 200 at 9:50AM on Sunday mornings. The class is going through the book *One Nation Under God: Healing Racial Division in America*. Please wear your face mask.

**MEN'S NIGHT FELLOWSHIP (MNF) HAS RESUMED.** MNF, led by Pastor Dietrich, meets every Monday night at 6:00PM currently in FEC Room 200. (Please note the group does not meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month when Church Council meets.) Next meeting is September 28<sup>th</sup>. Bring your own food/drink if you desire and your face mask. Hope to see you!

**PSALMS OF PRAISE & PRAYER:** This new study starts on Wednesday, September 23, from 8:15-8:45PM via Zoom. Who is this for? This study is open to parents, former parents, grandparents, and anyone who has an interest in the Psalms. ...Stressful week? Needing time to unload? Join DCE Rod Lane and others for *Psalms of Praise and Prayer*. This is a 30-minute Zoom study to spend time in the book of Psalms, pause, and pray. If you have questions or to receive your Zoom invitation, please contact DCE Rod Lane.



**WOMEN'S STUDY HAS RESUMED!** The Wednesday Morning Bible Study & Prayer Group has started up again. The group meets in FEC Room 200 at 9:30AM every Wednesday. Please bring your own Bible and face mask to wear. Everyone is welcome!

## **Church Service Registration**

Due to limited seating, all people are asked to register weekly in one of the following ways:

- **REGISTER ONLINE** at our website [redeemerlincoln.org](http://redeemerlincoln.org). *Those who are comfortable with registering online are encouraged to use this method to help the office manage the process more efficiently.*

**OR**

- Call the church office (402-477-1710).

Registration is open from 8:00AM Monday thru 4:00PM Friday for the following Sunday. Services will fill first-come, first serve.

**THE BOARD OF ELDERS** will meet on **Monday, September 21, at 6:45PM in the Fellowship Hall**. Elders should bring their copy of the Bible study, "Immigrants Among Us". **Please bring a mask to wear.**

**THE CHURCH COUNCIL** will meet on **Monday, September 21, at 7:45PM in the Fellowship Hall**. All Council members should plan to attend or call the church office (402-477-1710) to be excused. **Please bring a mask to wear.** A tentative agenda is posted on the bulletin board near the north entrance to the main narthex.

**THE NEW EDITION OF PORTALS OF PRAYER** (October - December) is now available in each narthex and the FEC entranceway.



## **Ladies' Night with Hors D'Oeuvres & Craft Sign Making**

**Thursday, October 15, 6:30–8:30PM, FEC Chapel**

We'll start with a devotion & Hors D'Oeuvres – enough for a meal! Join together with other ladies at church for a time of fellowship while painting a wood craft sign. Multiple sign options are available to choose from a catalog prior to the event. **The DEADLINE to order a sign is Sunday, October 4, as time is needed for the company to make the signs.** Email Rod Lane for info ([dcerod@redeemerlincoln.org](mailto:dcerod@redeemerlincoln.org)). Price per sign is \$35. A small sign option for children is \$20. If you don't want to make a sign, you can order one to be made for you. You may also come just for the food and fellowship time or volunteer to help! This event is open to girls and women of all ages. Consider doing this for a mother-daughter activity! Please bring a face mask to wear.

## Re-Opening Guidelines

- As you came into the church, you had opportunity to use some hand sanitizer and pick up a face mask (if needed). Other items available include bulletins and unused attendance cards. If you brought a completed attendance card, you could deposit that card along with your offering in the wooden box.
- Please maintain social distancing at all times.
- At the end of the service, please take your bulletin and other materials with you. If you completed an attendance card during the service, **do not** hand it to an usher, but leave it on the table in the main narthex.
- Other than when receiving the Lord's Supper, **please wear your face mask at all times, especially while singing!** Remember, "Wearing a mask is not just about you; it's also about your neighbor."
- When coming forward to receive Holy Communion, please observe social distancing between family groups.
- For the present time, parts of the liturgy will be spoken and we may sing only selected stanzas of each hymn.
- When taking the Sacrament, **please extend your hand palm side up** in order to receive the wafer. After receiving the bread, **you will be handed** an individual cup with wine. Used cups can then be placed in the appropriate receptacle.
- At the end of the service, **please remain in your pew** until you are ushered out, starting with the back of the main nave and the west wing. You are welcome to use the side aisles when leaving.
- If you wish to visit with others after church, please go outside rather than remaining indoors. Do not re-enter the building (until one of next weekend's services).
- The Pastors will not greet at the door before or after the service. As always, you are welcome to contact them by phone or email.
- Please remember to **register online ([redeemerlincoln.org](http://redeemerlincoln.org)) or call in each week** to register for a service the following weekend.

**Thank you for your patience and flexibility!**

## REDEEMER LIFE CHAIN

**Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2:30-3:30PM**

The Life Chain is an annual event, sponsored by Lincoln Right to Life, that the Redeemer Life Group would like to encourage you to consider being a part of. Last year we had 17 people at the Life Chain. How about 30 people from Redeemer this year? We don't hold offensive signs at all. This isn't about politics. It is about life. Plain and simple. All you do is go to Redeemer's designated area on the **south side of O Street between 34<sup>th</sup> & 35<sup>th</sup> Streets**. You may park at Redeemer at 2:20PM and we'll walk to our location as a group. We will spend one hour standing in silent prayer making a visual statement in support of the unborn. Due to COVID-19, please follow Lancaster County Health Department Recommendations. Contact Redeemer's Life facilitator, Julie Bachman (402-488-4959), with any questions. See you there!



## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

**Pray to End  
Abortion.**

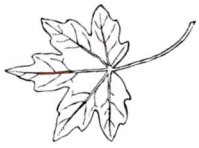
**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**  
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"40 Days for Life" is a national prayer event to end abortion in America. The Lincoln 2020 fall campaign is sponsored by Lincoln Right to Life and runs **Wednesday, September 23 – Sunday, November 1** from 6:00AM-8:00PM

each day. You are invited to join them as a prayer warrior on the public sidewalk outside of Planned Parenthood. You may sign up to pray for 1 hour a week during the hours listed above. Your presence and prayers may save a baby's life. To sign up, contact Jeanne Kee at [jmjsos333@gmail.com](mailto:jmjsos333@gmail.com). Parking will be available at Cornerstone Christian Church on the southeast corner of 48<sup>th</sup> & Old Cheney.

## BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

**Starting Sunday, October 4**, Redeemer members will be invited to participate in the Lincoln Pregnancy Center's Baby Bottle Campaign. Families/individuals will be able to take one baby bottle home and fill it with change, bills, or checks (receipts available). Return to the FEC or church by October 25. Bottles will be available outside the FEC (weather permitting), the FEC Chapel, and between services in the Fellowship Hall. Please call Julie Bachman (402-488-4959) if you have questions.



## LWML Lincoln Zone Fall Rally



The Fall Rally is being hosted by Redeemer this year on **Sunday, October 4th**. All women are invited! Registration starts at 1:00PM (no registration fee). Rally starts at 1:30PM. The Rally will be in-person and on Zoom also. We will wear face masks and sit separated in Fellowship Hall.

**Theme:** God's Clear Vision to Resurrection

**Bible verse:** Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith. (Hebrews 12:1b-2)

**Speaker:** Anna Waters, Concordia graduate

**Collection for eyeglasses:** all types of eyeglasses, old or new, even the Dollar Tree type, or sunglasses.

**Ingathering gifts:** diapers, wipes, new socks, underwear, gift cards, or monetary donations. *Place Ingathering items in the coat room in a clearly marked bag or bring to Rally!*

**Zoom:** If you would like to join on Zoom, contact Pastor Wing (pastorwing@trinityoflincoln.org) by Wednesday, Sept. 30.

## LWML No-Bake Bake Sale

The LWML will be having a NO-BAKE BAKE SALE this year in celebration of our usual LWML Sunday. Donations can be included in your offering envelope with the memo "LWML NBBS" noted. This effort lets us continue our support of local and worldwide missions through the efforts of the WOR. No food will be exchanged because of virus guidelines.



## Youth News!



**SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS RESUMED, 9:45-10:40AM:** If you have children or youth ranging in age from preschool through 12th grade, we have the PERFECT Sunday School program for you! Redeemer's Sunday School is great! It is staffed by a group of dedicated teachers and assistants. Everyone will learn about their Savior, Jesus, through Bible adventures, lessons, crafts, and music. Sunday school is for everyone. We will be watching, waiting, and looking forward to seeing you in person. (Please remember to wear your mask.)



**CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONS:** *Happy Times* (preschool–grade 2) and *My Devotions* (grades 3-6) are available in the FEC entranceway.

**CHALK DRAWING CONTEST:** **Sunday, September 20, 4:30-6:00PM** at church in designated parking lot spots. Supper served at 5:45PM and prizes awarded for every group. Real judges on hand. This is open to artists of all levels. Grades 5 and under need a parent chaperone. Grades 6 and above, bring your friends.

**MINIATURE GOLF:** Grades 5-12 join us on **Sunday, September 27, 4:00-6:00PM**, at Adventure Golf (56th & Old Cheney). We will play 2 games. Cost is \$5 per student.

**HIGH SCHOOL 2021 SUMMER SERVANT EVENT MEETING:** On Sunday October 4, at 12:15PM in the FEC Chapel, parents and high school youth will come together to set the path for the 2021 summer trip. This meeting is a tool to help students and parents receive answers to questions and cover relevant information for the group to go on a Summer Mission Trip. It is important if you have an interest to serve, go, and grow spiritually – then we want you to join us. We will discuss trip options, finances, fundraising, and more. A lot of information will be shared so please make every effort to join us. A light lunch will be served. Parents, if you have questions please contact DCE Rod Lane.

**TRUNK OR TREAT:** Save-the-date for this year's Trunk or Treat on Tuesday, October 20, from 6:30-8:00PM. Watch for more information in the next Cross Talk to sign up to host a trunk or help in other areas.



## September 20-27

<b>Sun 20</b>	<b>8:30 &amp; 11:00AM-Divine Services with Holy Communion</b> LWML Mite Collection 9:45AM-Sunday School (FEC) 9:50AM-Bible Classes (Fellowship Hall & FEC Room 200) 4:30-6:00PM-Chalk Drawing Contest (Church Parking Lot)
<b>Mon 21</b>	11:30AM-Staff Meeting (FEC Room 200) 6:30PM-Board for Education (FEC Room 107) 6:45PM-Board of Elders (Fellowship Hall) 7:45PM-Church Council (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Tue 22</b>	9:30-11:30AM-Weekday Communion (Main Narthex) 6:00-7:00PM-Weekday Communion (Main Narthex)
<b>Wed 23</b>	9:30AM-Project Mercy Sewing (Fellowship Hall) 9:30AM-Women's Bible Study & Prayer Group (FEC Room 200) NO Confirmation Class 8:15PM-Zoom Bible Study w/Rod Lane
<b>Thur 24</b>	9:30-11:30AM-Weekday Communion (Main Narthex) 12:30PM-Assemble Cross Talk (FEC Room 200) Pastor Ebert's Day Off
<b>Fri 25</b>	Pastor Dietrich's Day Off DCE Rod Lane's Day Off
<b>Sat 26</b>	11:00AM-BLOC (Fellowship Hall) <b>6:00PM-Divine Service</b>
<b>Sun 27</b>	<b>8:30 &amp; 11:00AM-Divine Services</b> 9:45AM-Sunday School (FEC) 9:50AM-Bible Classes (Fellowship Hall & FEC Room 200) 4:00-6:00PM-Adventure Golf (56 <sup>th</sup> & Old Cheney)