

SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND HOLY COMMUNION

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GATHERING

Stand

A LITANY FOR LABOR DAY

OPENING SONG, *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*, #733



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great re-deem-er's praise,
6 To God all glor-y, praise, and love be now and ev-er giv'n



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
by saints be-low and saints a-bove, the church in earth and heav'n.

GREETING

HYMN OF PRAISE



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sit

WORD

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (Pew Bible page 163)

L A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 1 (*Read Responsively*)

A Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

C **Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

A They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

C **It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

A Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

C **For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

SECOND READING: James 2:14-18 (Pew Bible page 981)

A A reading from the letter of James.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-33 (Pew Bible page 850)

P The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

Stand

SERMON SONG, *Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)*, #798



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A . . . God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**

Sit

MEAL

OFFERING

Our monetary offerings are part of our worship of God. During these Covid days, the offering plate is not passed, but is located in the back of the sanctuary for your use as you enter or leave the sanctuary. One plate is brought forward at the time of the Offertory, and one remains in the back.

ANTHEM, *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

Stand

OFFERTORY, *As the Grains of Wheat*, #465

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



Refrain



may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Congregation:

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Pastor: Congregation:

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Congregation:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God:

thanks and praise.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Sit



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 you break the chains of ha - tred and
 you are the way of jus - tice and
 you are the way of mer - cy and



world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
 fear:
 peace:
 love.

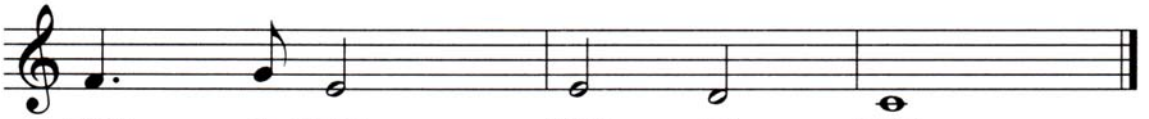
Final Stanza



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

SHARING OF HOLY COMMUNION

As Lutherans, we believe that Christ is really present in the bread and wine we share. All are welcome to commune here. Infants and others who do not commune are invited to come forward and receive a blessing.

Please take a communion glass from the ushers on your way forward. As the pastors and lay assistants give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant: The body of Christ, given for you; the blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: Amen.

Gluten-free wafers are available from the pastors. Let them know that you need one when you come forward to receive the bread. For those who require it, grape juice is available instead of wine in the pre-filled, purple glasses in the communion cup trays.

Stand

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG, *I Can Hear My Savior Calling (Where He Leads Me)*



- 1 I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing, I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing,
- 2 I'll go with him through the gar - den, I'll go with him through the gar - den,
- 3 I'll go with him through the judg - ment, I'll go with him through the judg - ment,
- 4 He will give me grace and glo - ry, he will give me grace and glo - ry,



I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing, "Take thy cross and fol - low, fol - low me."
I'll go with him through the gar - den, I'll go with him, with him all the way.
I'll go with him through the judg - ment, I'll go with him, with him all the way.
he will give me grace and glo - ry, and go with me, with me all the way.



Where he leads me I will fol - low, where he leads me I will fol - low,



where he leads me I will fol - low, I'll go with him, with him all the way.

DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
C **Thanks be to God.**

THIS WEEK AT “OUR REDEEMER”

SUNDAY, September 4, 2022, The Season of Pentecost

10:00 AM Worship

MONDAY, September 5, 2022, Labor Day, Office Closed

TUESDAY, September 6, 2022

WEDNESDAY, September 7, 2022

9:00 AM Noah’s Ark Preschool

7:00 PM Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, September 8, 2022

9:00 AM Noah’s Ark Preschool

FRIDAY, September 9, 2022

9:00 AM Noah’s Ark Preschool

5:30 PM Playground Picnic

SATURDAY, September 10, 2022, God’s Work. Our Hands.

5:30 PM Worship

SUNDAY, September 11, 2022, God’s Work. Our Hands.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Psalm 100, Ephesians 6:10-17, Mark 12:28-34a

10:00 AM Worship

11:00 AM Church Picnic

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayers of healing and comfort are requested for Ginny Mickitsch on the death of her brother-in-law, Mark Dubich; George Andrewson; Peggy Barczak; Edith Bencic; Cindy Cox; Patti Day; Dorothy Dillemoth; Kerri Evans; Martha Fecher; Richard and Lori Gajdowski; Ray Hrabar; Mandy Jarosh; Casey Moran on his deployment; Tim Roberts; Kathy Russman; Sue Russo; Jim Tomamichel; Beverly Wilson and those friends and family members who have asked for our prayers: Chris, Doug, Kate, Sam, George Andrewson Sr., Marjorie Appleton, Larry Arch, Sandi Babbie, Bob Bell, Tam Brister Todd Brosky, Wendy Brosky, Mary Burik, Doug Bush, Tom Caley, Carolyn Dagg, Harry Davison, Niki Day, D. T. Emery, Catie Geory, Ian Gonzalez, Lisa Grimes, Christine Guerrieri, Ed Handshue, George Hildebrand, Bob Hohowski, Joyce Hough, Ray Keisling, June Lance, Gordon and Diane Ley, Jess Ley, Steve Lombardi, Mildred Maize, Jolie Mihalik, Chuck Miller, Owen Miller, Adam Miskow, Dolores Munsick, Beth Napolitano, Marjorie Norton, Kathy Oberle, Tracey Perles, Dave Provenzano, Cyndi Quinn, Phyllis Rhone, Betty and Frank Rively, Jeanie Rose, Dave Schrader, Meryl Severson, Bob Shader, Holly Shader, Karol Smith, Bernie Solo, Donna Stafford, Dan Stimmel, Gary Stinson, Andrew Straka, Terri Strawn, Tina Thielet, Deb Thompson, Barb Van Lehn, Art W., Brent Wadzita, Rhianna Wilk, Bucky Williams and Frank Yocca.

Church Picnic . . . Our annual church picnic returns on September 11 following the 10:00 AM worship. We hope that you will join us for a delicious meal and an afternoon of fellowship. The church will provide hot dogs and sloppy joes. If you can contribute to the meal, please sign up on the bulletin board at church or through the church's website. Also sign up to attend. Can't wait to see you!

Inquirer's Class . . . There will be an Inquirer's Class on Sunday, September 25, 1:00-3:00, for people who are interested in joining Our Redeemer, or who just want to find out more about Lutherans and this congregation. Please sign up on the bulletin board by the office, by emailing the church office at orlc@comcast.net or on our website at www.OurRedeemer-peters.org/links.

Children and Youth

Playground Picnic – Pack up your dinner and a picnic blanket or chairs and bring the whole family for fun, conversation, and fellowship on the playground at Our Redeemer! We'll gather at 5:30pm on Friday, September 9, weather permitting.

S'mores & Lawn Games – 7th-12th graders are invited to join Pastor Kerri for s'mores and lawn games on Sunday, September 18 at 7pm. Sign up on the bulletin board or online.

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



Sept. 11
2022

Coming soon...
the annual ELCA Day of Service.

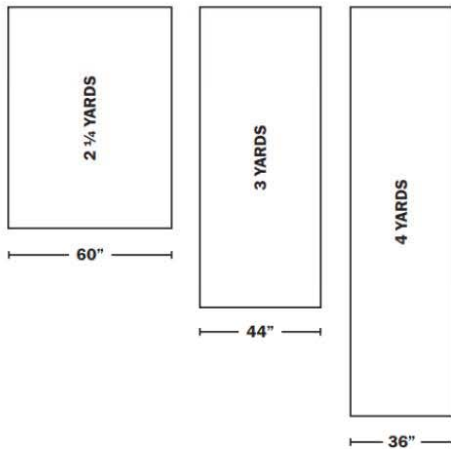
On Saturday, Sept. 10 and Sunday, Sept. 11 we will worship with hands and voices, as we pack school kits and fabric kits for Lutheran World Relief. These kits are used throughout the world in places like Ukraine where war or natural disasters have disrupted life for so many people.

Between now and then, we are collecting supplies for the kits. Please be sure to bring in exactly what is specified. For example, pencils must be unsharpened and scissors must be blunt.

FABRIC KIT SUPPLIES

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH FABRIC KIT

- TWO** spools of neutral-colored, general purpose thread, 250-300 yards each
- TWO** pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits of 100% polyester). Each piece should match one of the sizes below:
 - 2 ¼ yards of 60" wide fabric
 - 3 yards of 44" wide fabric
 - 4 yards of 36" wide fabric

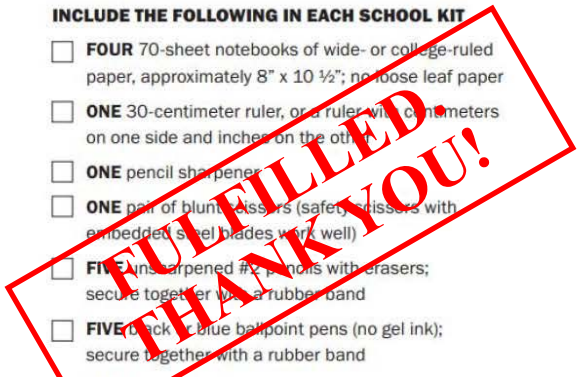


SCHOOL KIT SUPPLIES

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH SCHOOL KIT

- FOUR** 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½"; no loose leaf paper
- ONE** 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ONE** pencil sharpener
- ONE** pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- FIVE** unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- FIVE** black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- ONE** box of 16 or 24 crayons
- ONE** 2 ½" eraser

We will also be accepting monetary gifts to cover shipping.



Lutheran Disaster Response to Ukraine

Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits. Your gifts designated for "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" will be used entirely (100%) to provide support for people impacted by conflict in the region.

Give through the offering plate. Make your check payable to Our Redeemer and write "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" on your check's memo line. You can also go to <https://www.lwr.org>.

THIS SUNDAY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE (SEPTEMBER 4, 2022, 10:00 AM)

LAY ASSISTANT - Jennifer Hewitt

LECTOR - Randy Stonemark

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Missy Bookhammer, Linda Nickles, Debbie

Stonemark, Nancy Till

GREETER - Linda Nickles

USHERS - Drew and Karla Lance

GIFT BEARER - Missy Bookhammer

ALTAR GUILD - Joyce Kilgore

POWERPOINT - Gary Milavec

CAMERA - Lori Greene

TELLERS (Tuesday) - Gary Milavec and Charles Rajakumar

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WORSHIP SERVICES

5:30 PM, Saturday (outdoors whenever possible)

10:00 AM, Sunday (in-person and livestreamed)

Online services are available through [facebook.com/ORLutheran](https://www.facebook.com/ORLutheran), YouTube and the church's website.

Childcare is provided on Sunday mornings in the nursery. Weekly nursery attendant is Amy Johnson. The service is broadcast to the narthex which you are invited to use as a cry room. The volume may be adjusted by turning the knob on the wall near the left sanctuary doors.

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"As Our Redeemer Lutheran Church is a community of people believing in Jesus Christ, our overall purpose is to worship, teach, serve, evangelize and witness to that belief."