

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost + July 27, 2025 + 9:00 am



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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!
We are so glad you are here!

*Hymns marked as ELW may be found in the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal and hymns marked as WOV may be found in the blue With One Voice hymnal. Assembly responses are in **bold typeface**.*

Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God,

**you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life. Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith.

In the cross of \div Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

Gathering Song

"Oh, Sing to the Lord" ELW #822



1 Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.
 1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
 3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.
 4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Text: Brazilian folk song; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923, Spanish and English
 Music: CANTAD AL SEÑOR, Brazilian folk tune
 Spanish and English text © Gerhard Cartford, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

Hosea 1:2-10

Hosea's marriage to a faithless wife symbolizes Israel's faithlessness toward God. Even the names of Hosea's children—Jezreel (where Israel's idolatrous kings were killed), Lo-ruhamah ("not pitied"), and Lo-ammi ("not my people")—announce the nation's coming doom, countered by the proclamation that Israel remains a child of the living God.

When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to him, "Go, marry a prostitute and have children of prostitution, for the people of the land commit great prostitution by deserting the Lord." ³ So Hosea went and took Gomer, Diblaim's daughter, and she became pregnant and bore him a son.

⁴ The Lord said to him, "Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will destroy the kingdom of the house of Israel. ⁵ On that day, I will break the bow of Israel in the Jezreel Valley."

⁶ Gomer became pregnant again and gave birth to a daughter. Then the Lord said to Hosea, "Name her No Compassion, because I will no longer have compassion on the house of Israel or forgive them. ⁷ But I will have compassion on the house of Judah. I, the Lord their God, will save them; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen."

⁸ When Gomer finished nursing No Compassion, she became pregnant and gave birth to a son.

⁹ Then the Lord said, "Name him Not My People because you are not my people, and I am not your God."

¹⁰ Yet the number of the people of Israel will be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it will be said to them, "Children of the living God."

*At the conclusion of the reading, the assembly responds: **Thanks be to God.***

Psalms 85

Righteousness shall go before the LORD. (Ps. 85:13)

¹ You have been gracious to your | land, O LORD; you have restored the good for- | tune of Jacob.

² **You have forgiven the iniquity | of your people and blotted out | all their sins.**

³ You have withdrawn | all your fury and turned yourself from your wrathful | indignation.

⁴ **Restore us then, O | God our Savior; let your anger de- | part from us.**

⁵ Will you be displeased with | us forever? Will you prolong your anger from | age to age?

⁶ **Will you not give us | life again, that your people may re- | joice in you?**

⁷ Show us your steadfast | love, O LORD, and grant us | your salvation.

⁸ **I will listen to what the LORD | God is saying; for you speak
peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their | hearts to you.**

⁹ Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell | in our land.

¹⁰ **Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.**

¹¹ Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,

and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.

¹² **The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity, and our land will | yield its increase.**

¹³ Righteousness shall go be- | fore the LORD and shall prepare for | God a pathway.

Second Reading

Colossians 2:6-19

The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage.

So live in Christ Jesus the Lord in the same way as you received him. ⁷ Be rooted and built up in him, be established in faith, and overflow with thanksgiving just as you were taught. ⁸ See to it that nobody enslaves you with philosophy and foolish deception, which conform to human traditions and the way the world thinks and acts rather than Christ. ⁹ All the fullness of deity lives in Christ's body. ¹⁰ And you have been filled by him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹ In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not administered by human hands. The circumcision of Christ is realized in the stripping away of the whole self dominated by sin. ¹² You were buried with him through baptism and raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ When you were dead because of the things you had done wrong and because your body wasn't circumcised, God made you alive with Christ and forgave all the things you had done wrong. ¹⁴ He destroyed the record of the debt we owed, with its requirements that worked against us. He canceled it by nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ When he disarmed the rulers and authorities, he exposed them to public disgrace by leading them in a triumphal parade.

¹⁶ So don't let anyone judge you about eating or drinking or about a festival, a new moon observance, or sabbaths. ¹⁷ These religious practices are only a shadow of what was coming—the body that cast the shadow is Christ. ¹⁸ Don't let anyone who wants to practice harsh self-denial and worship angels rob you of the prize. They go into detail about what they have seen in visions and have become unjustifiably arrogant by their selfish way of thinking. ¹⁹ They don't stay connected to the head. The head nourishes and supports the whole body through the joints and ligaments, so the body grows with a growth that is from God.

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Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Announcement

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord

Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to childlike trust and persistence in prayer.

Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

² Jesus told them, "When you pray, say:

'Father, uphold the holiness of your name.

Bring in your kingdom.

³ Give us the bread we need for today.

⁴ Forgive us our sins,

for we also forgive everyone who has wronged us.

And don't lead us into temptation.'

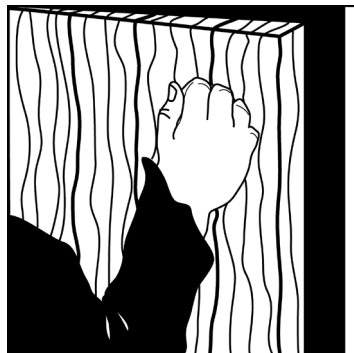
⁵ He also said to them, "Imagine that one of you has a friend and you go to that friend in the middle of the night. Imagine saying, 'Friend, loan me three loaves of bread' ⁶ because a friend of mine on a journey has arrived and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷ Imagine further that he answers from within the house, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up to give you anything.' ⁸ I assure you, even if he wouldn't get up and help because of his friendship, he will get up and give his friend whatever he needs because of his friend's brashness. ⁹ And I tell you: Ask and you will receive. Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰ Everyone who asks, receives. Whoever seeks, finds. To everyone who knocks, the door is opened.

¹¹ "Which father among you would give a snake to your child if the child asked for a fish? ¹² If a child asked for an egg, what father would give the child a scorpion? ¹³ If you who are evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon



Hymn of the Day

"Our Father, God in Heaven Above" ELW #746

(Sung to the tune of ELW #756)



- 1 Our Fa - ther, God in heav'n a - bove, we pray, u - nit - ed
- 2 Give us to - day our dai - ly bread; let ev - 'ry - one be
- 3 In time of tri - al, res - cue us. Let your word give suc -
- 4 A - men. Yes, yes, it shall be so! Build up our faith and



in your love: Your name be hal - lowed. Help us, Lord,
 clothed and fed. For - give our sins, as we for - give
 cess to us when, on our left and on our right,
 make it grow; be - set by doubt, help us be - lieve



in faith - ful - ness to keep your word. Your king - dom come; your
 when oth - ers hurt us as we live. Help us to dwell in
 temp - ta - tions chal - lenge us to fight. De - liv - er us from
 what here we ask we shall re - ceive. So, by your prom - ise,



will be done on earth as there be - fore your throne.
 har - mo - ny and serve each oth - er will - ing - ly.
 e - vil's pow'r and com - fort us in life's last hour.
 in your name, with loud A - men your Yes we claim!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abridged; tr. hymnal version

Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

Prayers of Intercession

The Assisting Minister leads the prayers of the people for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*Each petition ends with: God of grace, **receive our prayer.***

We remember our homebound members and all who have asked for our prayers: Erna Joswig Joyce Owens, Dorothy Popadic, Pat Quale, Mario Miranda, Lynda, Estie Marnell, Tim LaPointe, Michelle Haws, Sheila Fair, Cherie Julius, Lynn Hooper, Randy Weit, Merlin Gandrud, Chuck Julius, Aimee and Mark Hooper, Missy Hoffman, Mary Scruggs, Linda Losito, Anne Maley, Judi and Larry Krebs, and the families of Darlene Sorensen, Marie Miller, the Rev. Dr. Harvard Stephens, Sandy Monefeldt.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

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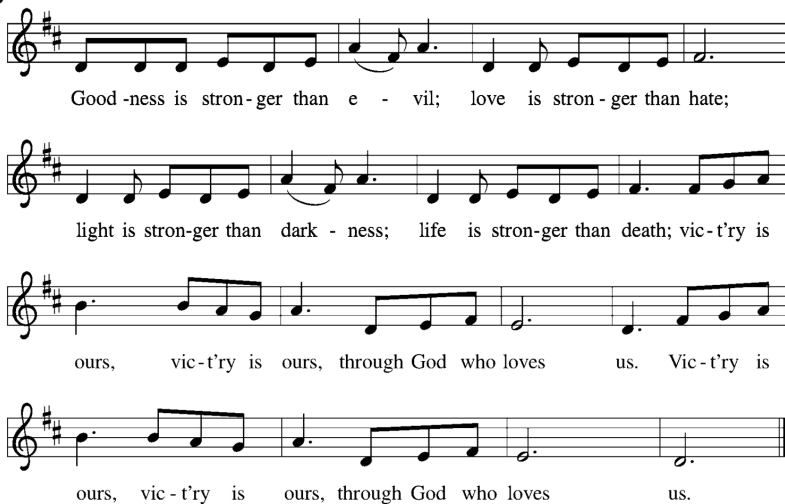
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering



*There are many ways to give to support Redeemer! You may place your offering in the offering plate as it is passed, you may mail your offering to the church office, you can even text to give by texting the amount you wish to give to 262.592.5757, then follow the prompts. You may also scan the code to the left with your smartphone's camera to give on our website (www.racinelcredeemer.com). **Thank you for your generosity!***

Offering Song



Good -ness is stron - ger than e - vil; love is stron - ger than hate;
light is stron - ger than dark - ness; life is stron - ger than death; vic - t'ry is
ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic - t'ry is
ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Creator God,

**in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor,
that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Presiding Minister continues:

Hallowed be your name, heavenly Father,
.... as we join the unending hymn.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Presiding Minister prays giving thanks to God, for God's saving work throughout history.

The Assembly responds when prompted:

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The prayer concludes with: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Below is a slightly different version of the Lord's Prayer.

You may recall these are the words we used when we chanted the prayer throughout the Easter season. This version was updated in 1988 by the English Language Liturgical Consultation and is called the Ecumenical Lord's Prayer meant to use more contemporary, familiar words. Feel free to pray this version, or the more traditional version, or heck, pray it in a different language if you know it!

**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.**

Invitation to Communion

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

Distribution of Communion

If you are worshipping with us at home, you are invited to partake in Communion as well! All you need is bread of any kind and wine or juice of any kind. As you receive the bread: 'This is the Body of Christ given for you.' As you receive the wine or juice: 'This is the Blood of Christ shed for you.' If you are worshipping with more than one person, please serve one another as you able using the above words.

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp, F#). The lyrics are: Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

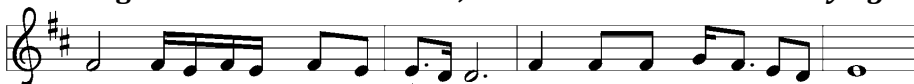
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Distribution Songs

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" ELW #752



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

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"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" ELW #773



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899–1993

Music: George N. Allen, 1812–1877, adapt. Thomas A. Dorsey

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PRECIOUS LORD
Irregular

Table Blessing

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. Mothering God,

you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace.

Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves

and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Blessing

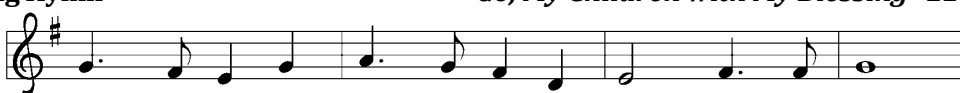
The love of God abound in you;

the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;

and the life of the Spirit ☩ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

"Go, My Children with My Blessing" ELW #543



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.
Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional
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Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Serving Today

Altar Flowers:

Judy Exner

In Memory of Brad Amann

Usher:

Linda Bagley & Bernie Osborne

Assisting Minister:

Charles Julius

Readers:

Nancy Vandewinckel

Altar Guild:

Jeanne Schierstedt & Jane Wilson

Musician:

Paul Berge

Pastor:

The Rev. Matt James

This Week @ Redeemer

Sunday:

Worship – 9am

Celebrations this Week

Birthdays:

Paul Berge (8/1), Cindy Lieungh (8/3)

Pastor Matt will be away July 27th through August 8th:

Pastor Matt will be gone from this Sunday afternoon, July 27th to be a voting member at the ELCA's Churchwide Assembly in Phoenix, Arizona. Then the week of August 3rd, he will be at the Association of Lutheran Church Musician's Conference at Duke University in Raleigh, North Carolina, he will return on August 8th.

During this time (July 27th to August 8th, Pastors Allison Johnson and John Bischoff will be covering any pastoral care needs.

If you are in need of pastoral care, please call Pastor John's cell phone (262.914.4246) to be connected with whomever will be on duty.

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