

REDEEMER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*If we live by the Spirit,
let us also walk by the Spirit.
Galatians 5:25*

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Dates to remember:

June 28 ~ book Club- Martin 7pm

July 3 ~ outdoor worship

August 13~ *Elvis Night with the Thunderbolts*

Tickets are \$6 each and reservations due by July 10.



*Altar flowers
are given by Wayne Trella
in celebration of Bonnie's birthday!*

**Altar flowers are still available for July 31 September 18 & 25.
Please sign up on the chart in the Narthex.**

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the
Fruit of the **Spirit**
is *love* **JOY**
peace *patience*
KINDNESS
GOODNESS
faithfulness
GENTLENESS
& self-control
Galatians 5: 22-23
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Blessing after Communion

P: May the body and blood of our living, risen Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

P: Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. **C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn: Stand in the Congregation

**I will stand in the congregation and I will ex-alt you; repeat
Let the children of your salvation lift their praises too! Hal-le-lu-jah!**

**I will stand in the congregation and I will praise your name; repeat
With your people in ev'ry nation I will shout this praise! Hal-le-lu-jah!**

**We will join as a congregation and we will ex-alt you; repeat
We will sing as all creation lifts the song a-new! Hal-le-lu-jah!**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Let the children of your salvation lift their praises too! Hal-le-lu-jah!**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

3rd Sunday after  Pentecost

June 26, 2022

“Discovering Christ’s community through building relationships”

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We have no good apart from God. That makes Jesus’ call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit’s fruit: love, joy, peace, and patience. This is freedom to not be imprisoned by anything that would keep us from the fullness of the life God has given us. This is the path of life.

Prelude: “You Will be My Witnesses”

Welcome
(Please stand as able)

Brief Order of Confession & Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

C: Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

P: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

C: Amen.

Passing of the Peace:

“During this time of Covid, please remain in your pew, but share a sign of peace with the neighbors around you”

Gathering Song: "Beneath the Tree of Life"
Refrain: Come and gather beneath the tree of life
 Come and gather beneath the tree of life
 Root of wisdom, branch of peace, fruit of healing and release.
 Come and gather beneath the tree of life

Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy, mercy on us all.

A: For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy, mercy on us all.

A: For your people here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word; let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy, mercy on us all.

A: Help, save and defend us, O God.

C: Amen (*Congregation sings refrain*)

The Prayer of the Day

C: Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(*Please be seated*)

The first reading is from the 19th Chapter of 1Kings

First Reading 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

In the story preceding today's reading, the prophet Elijah flees for his life to the security of God's mountain. There God reveals to Elijah that there are still other faithful people in Israel and commissions him to anoint new leaders, including his own successor, Elisha.

(*Please stand as able*)

Offertory Prayer

C: God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might,
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer: (To Be Sung)

C: 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 Holy Communion

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Communion Song: "Lamb Of God"

A: Have mercy on us. **C: Have mercy on us.**

After last verse A: Grant us your peace. **C: Grant us your peace.**

You hear the cries of the earth. Restore places where land, air, and waterways have been harmed. Guide us to develop and implement sources of energy and food production that do not destroy the earth. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

You hear the cries of those who are marginalized or cast out. On this Juneteenth observance, guide us continually toward the end of oppression in all its forms, especially white supremacy. Bring true freedom and human flourishing to all your beloved children. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

You hear the cries of those who suffer. Come to the aid of all who are homeless, naked, hungry, and sick (*especially*). Bring peace to any experiencing mental illness, that they can clearly recognize your loving presence. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of peace, guide all who govern, that they place the good of their citizens above self-promotion. Anoint leaders of nations with your Spirit of neighborly love. Protect refugees and all who live under tyranny or conflict (*especially*). God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of kindness, reveal your healing presence to all who are sick or dying (*especially*). Uphold those who grieve. Support the needs of any who are unemployed, hungry, or have nowhere to lay their heads. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of love, attend to those struggling with addiction, depression, or uncontrolled anger. Provide support systems and loving companions as they work toward health, that they may rest in hope and know the fullness of joy in your presence. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of joy, we give thanks for all who have died and now celebrate the inheritance of life in you. Keep their examples of faithfulness always before us, that we trust your promises in life and in death. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.
Amen.

¹⁵Then the LORD said to Elijah, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

¹⁹So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. ²⁰He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" ²¹He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

L: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Song:

"Thy Word"

**Refrain: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path. (Repeat)**

**When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
still You're there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end. Refrain**

The second reading is from the 5th Chapter of Galatians

Second Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

For Paul, the freedom Christ gives is not permission to do whatever we want. It is the invitation to be what we could not be otherwise. The power and guidance of Christ's Holy Spirit produce a different kind of life, one marked by the fruit of this Holy Spirit.

¹For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

L: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**
(Please stand as able)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Cantor sings verse

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 9th Chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading: Luke 9:51-62

Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples to a similar single-mindedness.

⁵¹When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰But

Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶²Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**
(Please be seated)

Sermon

(Please stand as able)

Sermon Hymn:

"We are Called"

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Apostle's Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

(Please be seated)

Prayers of Intercession

P: United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

God of faithfulness, set the face of your church firmly on you. Rooted in your self-giving love, may the church find freedom in loving our neighbors. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of gentleness, strengthen the earth's ability to heal. Where there are dangerous storms, bring calm. Where there are destructive fires, bring rain. Protect homes, habitats, and livelihoods threatened by climate disasters. God of grace,
hear our prayer.