



Redeemer Lutheran Church

Livestream Service

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 13, 2020 – 8:00 am

Grow In Christ ♦ SHARE HIS LOVE ♦ Encourage

Our Mission Statement: *“As Christians based on the solid foundation of God’s Word, empowered by the Holy Spirit we strive to live out, lift up, and share our faith in Jesus Christ – welcoming all into our Family of Believers.”*

Values:

Truth, Prayer, Family of Believers, Teaching, Community Engagement, Healing/Caring, Joy

THEME FOR TODAY: Better is One Day! This is a special weekend because we are adding back indoor worship. We have longed for this, but only because we long for Jesus and His grace and mercy. How does the hope of the best day in the best place shape our hope, our worship, and our longing THIS day? Livestream, outdoor, indoor; they all lead us to the “courts” of God.

+ We Come Into God’s Presence +

(*) *Those who are able are asked to stand during these parts of the Service.*

WELCOME and GREETINGS *(We welcome our fellow worshippers.)*

HYMN “Open Now Thy Gates Of Beauty” LSB 901, stanzas 1,2,4,5

1 **Open now thy gates of beauty;
Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty
Waits for Him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessèd is this place,
Filled with solace, light, and grace!**

2 **Gracious God, I come before Thee;
Come Thou also unto me.
Where we find Thee and adore Thee,
There a heav’n on earth must be.
To my heart, O enter Thou;
Let it be Thy temple now!**

4 **Thou my faith increase and quicken;
Let me keep Thy gift divine,
Howsoe’er temptations thicken;
May Thy Word still o’er me shine
As my guiding star through life,
As my comfort in all strife.**

5 **Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee;
Let Thy will be done indeed.
May I undisturbed draw near Thee
While Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
Here is balm for all our woes.**

(*) OPENING SENTENCES *(Please stand.)*

- P: "I was glad when they said to me, let us go to the house of the Lord." The house of God is wherever God is and wherever His promises are proclaimed!
- C: **"Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere."**
- P: "Oh, come, let us pray to the Lord, let us cry out to the rock of our salvation. Let us bring everything before Him with thanksgiving."
- C: **Our souls long for you, the way a deer pants for water. You, oh God, nourish our spirit.**

(*) CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P: As we come into the courts of our God, either over livestream, or at church, or in church, we ARE the church. And we are the church because we know the forgiveness and grace of our Savior, we know we need His grace, and we cherish His voice.
- C: **Lord Jesus, we come to You today full of our sins against You, and against others. There have been times we were so focused on having church in our building, we forgot that you are building us as the church. Knowing you are gracious, we confess that we are sinful and that we need your forgiveness. Amen.**

(a time of silent reflection)

- P: God's Word says, "Even the sparrow has found a home"...blessed and forgiven are you who dwell and trust in God. He has caused grace to fall like rain in Jesus Christ so that we might go from strength to strength in Him, even when we are weak. Your sins are forgiven you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: **Amen.**
- P: This is the day that the Lord has made!
- C: **We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

(*) HYMN OF PRAISE

(LSB 791, st. 3)

**O enter then His gates with praise;
Approach with joy His courts unto.
Praise, laud, and bless His name always,
For it is seemly so to do. *(Please be seated.)***

+ God Speaks to Us +

SCRIPTURE READING

L: The Old Testaments Reading for Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost is from Psalm 84.

<p>¹ How lovely is your dwelling place, LORD Almighty! ² My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. ³ Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may</p>	<p>have her young—a place near your altar, LORD Almighty, my King and my God. ⁴ Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you. ⁵ Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage. ⁶ As they pass</p>
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through the Valley of Baka, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools. ⁷ They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion.

⁸ Hear my prayer, LORD God Almighty; listen to me, God of Jacob. ⁹ Look on our shield, O God; look with favor on your anointed one.

¹⁰ Better is one day in your courts than a

thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked. ¹¹ For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.

¹² LORD Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you. - *Psalm 84 NIV*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.** (*Please stand to sing.*)

(*) RESPONSE HYMN

(LSB 904, st. 1)

Blessèd Jesus, at Your Word

We are gathered all to hear You.

Let our hearts and souls be stirred

Now to seek and love and fear You,

By Your teachings, sweet and holy,

Drawn from earth to love You solely.

(*) HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁵ "If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me.

The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

²² Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, "But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?"

²³ Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. *John 14:15-24 NIV*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.** (*Please be seated.*)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN "Better Is One Day"

How lovely is your dwelling place,

Oh, Lord Almighty.

For my soul longs and even faints for You.

For here my heart is satisfied

Within Your presence.

I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

Chorus: Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere
Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere
Than thousands elsewhere

One thing I ask and I would seek:
To see Your beauty,
To find You in the place Your glory dwells.
One thing I ask and I would seek:

To see Your beauty,
To find You in the place Your glory dwells. *Chorus*

My heart and flesh cry out
For You, the living God.
Your Spirit's water to my soul.
I've tasted and I've seen.
Come once again to me.
I will draw near to You,
I will draw near to You.

Better is one day, better is one day,
Better is one day than thousands elsewhere.
Better is one day, better is one day,
Better is one day than thousands elsewhere. *Chorus*

PASTOR'S MESSAGE "Better is One Day in Your Courts!" - Psalm 84

+ We Respond To God's Word +

MUSICAL OFFERING "Children of the Heavenly Father" – Sounds of Praise

(*) OFFERTORY

(LSB 709, st. 6)

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!

+ God Sends Us Forth to Serve and Proclaim +

(*) THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. *(Please be seated.)*

(*) PRAYERS

P: ...God, we lay this at your feet, knowing that,

**All sing: Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere
Than thousands elsewhere**

(*) LORD'S PRAYER

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.

(*) BENEDICTION

P: "To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy--to the only God our Savior, be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore!" *(Jude 24,25)*

C: **Amen.**

(*) CLOSING HYMN "Christ Is Our Cornerstone" LSB 912

**1 Christ is our cornerstone,
On Him alone we build;
With His true saints alone
The courts of heav'n are filled.
On His great love
Our hopes we place
Of present grace
And joys above.**

**2 Here may we gain from heav'n
The grace which we implore,
And may that grace, once giv'n,
Be with us evermore**

**Until that day
When all the blest
To endless rest
Are called away.**

**3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise
These hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise
The Three in One to sing
And thus proclaim
In joyful song,
Both loud and long,
That glorious name.**

BLESSED TO SERVE

Preaching..... Pastor Ben Loos
Children's Message..... Josh Heirigs, DCE
OrganistApril Beckman, DPM
Elder:
6:00 pm John Grudem
8:00 am..... Dan Zeccardi
10:45 am..... Randy Hellickson/Bryce Beckman

Technology:
8:00 am Dan Zeccardi
10:45 am Tim Rossman
Ushers
6:00 pm Ric Thieke and Paul Lewis
10:45 am Dan Kluge and Paul Diercks

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Weekly Announcements and Highlights

Special Prayer Opportunities:

Health Concerns:

- ✠ Jan Walters, Helen Collopy, Noel Berthiaume, Lynora Miller, Lynn Hebig, Craig Nelson, Orin Kuhn, Jennifer Pralle, Judy Rieck (*Earl Schwerman's sister*)

Receiving Hospice care:

- ✠ Ann Boyd and Goldie Golberg

Rejoice:

- ✠ With Jeff and Jeanne Ihrke who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on September 6.

Grieving:

- ✠ Dick Valde and his family upon the death of his brother, Paul Valde, on September 4.
- ✠ Arlene Schwerzler and her family upon the death of her husband, Tom, on September 6.

Guidance:

- ✠ Guidance for our governmental and civic leaders in the Rochester area.

PRAYER CHAINS – If you have a prayer request, call Gail Sim (289-2087), the church office (289-5147), or send an email to Lori Hameister at littlebitmoo@gmail.com.

PRAYING FOR OUR FAMILY OF BELIEVERS: September 10/13

- ✠ Angela Fitch, Wyatt and Levi
- ✠ Todd and Connie Wileman, Kalene, Ethan, Christopher and Jenna
- ✠ Gordon and Ellen Hinsch, Charles and Samuel
- ✠ And, for those who will hear the Good News of Great Joy from us this week.

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

Live Stream Worship Sundays at 8 am on:

Facebook page: Redeemer Lutheran Church - Rochester, MN

YouTube: RLC - Family of Believers

Outdoor Worship with Communion: (Parking Lot)
Thursdays at 6 pm (*Weather permitting.*)

Indoor Worship with Communion: (*Sanctuary*)
Sundays at 10:45 am

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Sunday School Prep—8:00 am to 5:00 pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Livestream WORSHIP - 8:00 am
INDOOR WORSHIP/COMMUNION - 10:45 am

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Transition Team—Zoom—4 pm
RSE Planning Team—Zoom—6 pm
Youth Ministry Team—Zoom—6:30 pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Men's Bible Study via Conference call - 9 am
Faithfully Fit Forever Group 1 - Outside - 9 am
Staff Meeting - Zoom - 9:30 am
Faithfully Fit Forever Group 2 - Outside - 10:15 am
CC Equippers—Zoom—6 pm
Sunday School Team Mtg—Zoom—6:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Cherub Choir—Zoom—6 pm
Confirmation—6:15 pm
Angelic Chimes—Zoom—6:30 pm
Sounds of Praise—Zoom—7 pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Faithfully Fit Forever Group 1 - Outside - 9 am
Staff Meeting - Zoom - 9:30 am
Faithfully Fit Forever Group 2 - Outside - 10:15 am
OUTDOOR WORSHIP/COMMUNION—6 pm
Technology Team—7 pm

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Livestream WORSHIP - 8:00 am
INDOOR WORSHIP/COMMUNION - 10:45 am

PROJECT COMPASSION FLOWERS

will be shared with Dorothy Bornmann upon her 92nd birthday on September 15.

Health Notes

Are you experiencing more skin irritation lately? Especially on your nose, cheeks, and hands? Blame the pandemic! Skin can become irritated with repeated mask and glove use, and frequent handwashing. We must continue to wear masks (and gloves, when necessary) and wash our hands to keep ourselves and those around us healthy. However, there are a few minor changes that you can make to your routine to promote healthier skin.



Dry, chapped, or irritated hands:

- Use fragrance-free, mild soaps and lotions
- Apply hand cream/lotion generously after washing hands, when the skin is still damp
- Wear gloves when washing dishes, bathing children, cleaning surfaces, etc.
- Use a humidifier in your home to keep the air moist (especially as we enter the colder months!)
- Pat your hands dry instead of wiping them

Irritated ears, cheeks, or bridge of nose:

- Make sure your mask fits your face well (not too tight, not too loose)
- Take a “mask break” when safe and appropriate (for example, for 15 minutes every 2 hours)
- If your ears are sore, consider using masks that have ties that do not rest on your ears or use a band that brings the mask ear loops behind your head and off your ears.

This is not an easy time for anyone! It may be difficult to see the benefit of protective measures such as masks and gloves when they are inconvenient and cause skin irritation. Let others see us “clothe ourselves with compassion” (Colossians 3:12) and protect others by limiting the spread of germs during this pandemic. We can all look forward to the day that we can see each other’s smiles again!

Information in this article is from Clinical Resource, PPE-Related Skin Irritation: Prevention and Treatment. Pharmacist’s Letter/Prescriber’s Letter. June 2020.



Virtual Cancer Connection Meeting — Please join us!

Monday, September 14, at 7:00 pm

We will be having our September Cancer Connection meeting, on **Monday, September 14, from 7-8:30 p.m., on a Zoom call.** Our time together will include a scriptural devotion, prayer, a discussion on self-care, and sharing by the group. All are welcome!

Our October 12th meeting will include a presentation by Dr. Susanne Cutshall, Mayo Clinic Clinical Nurse Specialist, in Integrated Therapy, who will discuss “Integrated Medicine and Therapies in Treating Cancer Patients”. Dr. Cutshall has asked that we formulate questions about Integrated Therapies verses Traditional Medicine, during our September discussion.

Any Redeemer members, who are interested and new to this “Zoom” meeting, please contact Kathy Zarling, RN, Redeemer Parish Nurse, at 507-398-7036, or call the church office to let Chris know you would like to attend the virtual meeting, and the link will be sent to you. We look forward to having our join us!

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