



Redeemer Lutheran Church

Livestream Worship

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 20, 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: Advance! Doesn’t it feel like the church is on its heels? COVID and other realities have us stepping back or barely holding our ground! It is time to advance! Today we stop to remind ourselves of the opportunity during this time. Opportunity to advance the gospel. Opportunity to encourage others to become more confident in the Lord. Opportunity to preach Christ the one who saved the world through a cross!

+ 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.)*

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN “Listen, God Is Calling” LSB 833

Refrain:

Leader: Listen,

All: listen, God is calling

Through the Word inviting,

Offering forgiveness,

Comfort, and joy.

1 Leader: Jesus gave His mandate:

All: Share the good news

Leader: That He came to save us

All: And set us free. Refrain

2 Leader: Let none be forgotten

All: Throughout the world.

Leader: In the triune name of God

All: Go and baptize. Refrain

3 Leader: Help us to be faithful,

All: Standing steadfast,

Leader: Walking in Your precepts,

All: Led by Your Word. Refrain

(*) INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *(Please stand.)*

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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.**

(*) HYMN OF PRAISE

(LSB 490, st. 4)

Jesus lives! I know full well

Nothing me from Him shall sever.

Neither death nor pow'rs of hell

Part me now from Christ forever.

God will be my sure defense;

This shall be my confidence. *(Please be seated.)*

+ God Speaks to Us +

SCRIPTURE READINGS

L: The Old Testament Reading for the Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost is from Isaiah, chapter fifty-five.

⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. ⁷ Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

⁸ "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. ⁹ "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. *Isaiah 55:6-9 NIV*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

L: The Epistle Reading is from the first chapter of Philippians.

¹² Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. ¹³ As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. ¹⁴ And

because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

Philippians 1:12-14 NIV

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

(*) RESPONSE



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.

(*) HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.

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

¹ “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ² He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

³ “About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. ⁴ He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ ⁵ So they went. He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. ⁶ About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’

⁷ “‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered. “He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’

“When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired

and going on to the first.’

⁹ “The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. ¹⁰ So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ¹² ‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’

¹³ “But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵ Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’

¹⁶ “So the last will be first, and the first will be last.” *Matthew 20:1-16 NIV*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN "Let it Be Said of Us"

Let it be said of us
That the Lord was our passion,
That with gladness we bore
Ev'ry cross we were given;
That we fought the good fight,
That we finished the course
Knowing within us
The pow'r of the risen Lord.

Chorus:
Let the cross be our glory
And the Lord be our song,
By mercy made holy,
By the Spirit made strong.
Let the cross be our glory
And the Lord be our song
'Til the likeness of Jesus
Be through us made known.
Let the cross be our glory
And the Lord be our song.

Let it be said of us:
We were marked by forgiveness,
We were known by our love,
And delighted in meekness.
We were ruled by His peace,
Heeding unity's call;
Joined as one body
That Christ would be seen by all.

Chorus

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE Advance! - Philippians 1:12-14

+ We Respond To God's Word +

MUSICAL OFFERING "Be Ye Glad" – Sounds of Praise

(*) OFFERTORY

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
Was blind, but now I see.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

Chorus: My chains are gone. I've been set free,
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood, His mercy reigns,
Unending love, amazing grace.

Chorus

Chorus

(*) 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.

(*) PRAYERS

P: ...As we gather together in multiple ways to encourage each other remind us that, Better Is One Day...

**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.

+ God Sends Us Forth to Serve and Proclaim +

(*) BENEDICTION

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: **Amen.** *(Please be seated.)*

CLOSING HYMN "The Saints In Christ Are One In Every Place" LSB 838

**1 The saints in Christ are one in ev'ry place
To serve the Gospel of His costly grace;
From those first days to this, our hope the same:
The love of Christ, one Lord, one saving name.**

**2 In chains for Christ! His pris'ners love to sing,
For slaves and free rejoice to praise our King;
What though the Church on earth still suffers
wrong?
The cross of Christ remains our pilgrim song.**

**3 To live is Christ, for us, to die is gain;
Where then shall be our hunger, danger, pain?
Our joy to preach good news to rich and poor,
Then be with Christ, to live forevermore.**

**4 Lord Jesus Christ! Heav'n's praise let earth repeat;
The work that You began, You will complete.
By grace let ev'ry foe become Your friend;
Your day, O Christ, shall dawn and never end.**

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Weekly Announcements and Highlights

Special Prayer Opportunities:

Health Concerns:

✠ Janith Corkill, Jan Walters, Noel Berthiaume, Craig Nelson, Jennifer Pralle

Receiving Hospice care:

✠ Goldie Golberg

Rejoice:

✠ With Dewey and Sue Wondrasch upon the birth of their granddaughter, Sophia Ann Wondrasch, born September 10 to Connor and Brittany Wondrasch.

Grieving:

- ✠ Don Boyd and his family upon the recent death of his wife, Ann.
- ✠ The Schwerman family upon the recent death of their aunt, Judy Rieck.
- ✠ Ardell Brenner and the Vakula family upon the death of her friend, Rozalia Vakula.

Thanksgiving:

✠ For the dedication and service of Josh Heirigs, as he celebrates the fifth anniversary of his installation at Redeemer.

Courage:

✠ For fellow Christians living in persecution in many parts of the world.

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 17/20

- ✠ Don and Elle Binder
- ✠ John and Ruth Tibesar
- ✠ Lowell and Gail Sim
- ✠ Don and Deb Eickhoff
- ✠ Don and Anna Linnemeyer, Aidan and Maddie
- ✠ And, for those who will hear the Good News of Great Joy from us this week.

PROJECT COMPASSION FLOWERS

- ♥ Arnold Boese who will celebrate his 92nd birthday on September 22.

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

STEPHEN MINISTRY



**What does it mean that
a Stephen Minister is
skilled?**

- ◆ Stephen Ministers know how to use essential caregiving skills such as listening, understanding, and dealing with feelings, beginning and ending caring relationships, maintaining boundaries, and helping their care receivers find more appropriate care if necessary.
- ◆ Stephen Ministers study to learn the kinds of feelings and challenges people are likely to experience when they go through a crisis, face a chronic condition, or endure a stressful time such as divorce, terminal illness, childbirth, or grief.
- ◆ Stephen Ministers are aware that sometimes a care receiver's needs are so great that they must refer their care receiver to more highly trained caregivers, such as pastors or professional counselors.
- ◆ Stephen Ministers know how to participate effectively in Supervision Groups. They are committed to participating regularly and faithfully twice a month in supervision and continuing education. If you care to know more, please contact Pastor Loos at pastorbenloos@gmail.com or by calling the church office at 289-5147.

Health Notes

“Help, I Have fallen, and I Cannot Get Up”

-- Medical Alert Systems —

Where do you search for information? Emergencies cannot be avoided, but their repercussions can be prevented. Medical alert systems, also known as emergency alert systems, are products that notify first responders whenever a user needs immediate attention.

These devices include fall detection features. These medical bracelets and pendants can detect when a person has fallen and automatically notifies the emergency responder that a fall has occurred. Without even pressing the medical alert button their emergency bracelet or medical necklace the user will be connected immediately to an emergency response center.

An elderly alert system gives the elderly or disabled more independence and the opportunity to live a more carefree life. It can also give you or your loved ones the peace of mind that there is always help available on the other side of those emergency alert systems.

When it comes to medical emergencies, sometimes without immediate attention, the consequences can be fatal. By wearing a medical alert bracelet **at all times**, you can ensure you or your loved one is able to connect to an emergency responder before it is too late.

Emergency Response System is a personal emergency alert system that connects a person to responders at a push of a button. Most hospitals in the region offer emergency response units for a monthly charge. These devices such as a Lifeline transmit a signal to one's telephone that then alerts the provider a problem and sets a response plan into action.

**Southeastern Minnesota Area Agency on Aging
1 800 333 2422**

Lifeline 507 255 6908

Modern senior alert systems:

(<https://top5-medicalalertsyste.ms.com//articles/>)



VIRTUAL CANCER CONNECTION MEETING

Rescheduled for:

**Monday, September 21
7:00 pm**

We will be having our September Cancer Connection meeting, on **Monday, September 21, from 7-8:30 pm, 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!

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!

*Redeemer's Cancer Connection
Team*

This Week At Redeemer

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Livestream WORSHIP - 8:00 am
INDOOR WORSHIP/COMMUNION - 10:45 am
Youth Group Social Hour - Parking Lot—2 pm
Partners in Christ ChristCare—Zoom—6:30 pm

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Transition Team—Zoom—4 pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Men's Bible Study via Conference call - 9 am
Faithfully Fit Forever Group 1 - Outside - 9 am
Staff Meeting - FH - 9:30 am
Faithfully Fit Forever Group 2 - Outside - 10:15 am

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Livestream WORSHIP - 8:00 am
Sunday School—In Person—9:15 am
SS Virtual (3 yr.—Kindergarten) - 9:30 am
SS Virtual (Grades 1 & 2) - 10 am
SS Virtual (Grades 3-6) - 11:30 am
SS Virtual (Grades 7-12) - 11:30 am
INDOOR WORSHIP/COMMUNION - 10:45 am

Blessed to Serve

Preaching.....Pastor Adam Koglin
Children's MessageMichael Harvey, DCE
OrganistApril Beckman, DPM

Elder:

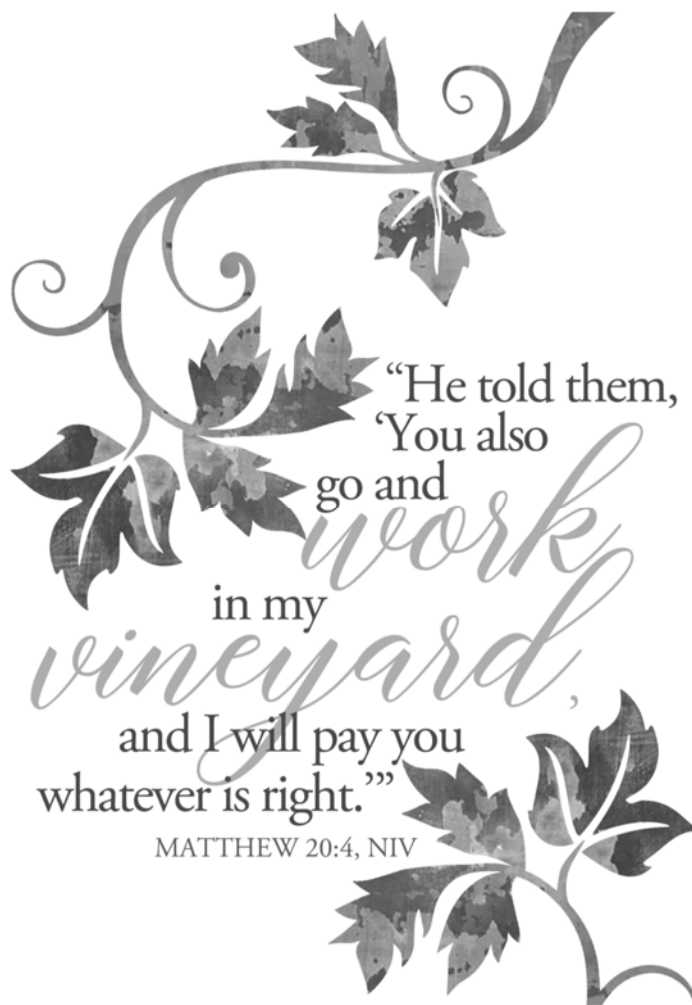
6:00 pmJohn Grudem
8:00 amScott Kleppe
10:45 amJeff Ihrke and Randy Hellickson

Technology:

8:00 amChris Senne
10:45 am

Ushers:

6:00 pmJeff Lee and Megan Grudem
10:45 amRich and Molly Gommels



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