

redeemer

LUTHERAN CHURCH

1800 Glenwood Ave. Minneapolis, MN 55405



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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WELCOME

If this is your first time visiting Redeemer, we're glad you're here and welcome just as you are. We'd love to say hello!
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LIVESTREAM

You may view our service live on facebook at facebook.com/redeemermpls

WORSHIP LEADERS

Guest Preacher/Presider:
Rev. Dr. Jia Starr Brown

Worship Assistants:
Jaclyn Heim
Sharon Gabriel

Musicians:
Traiveon Dunlap
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Steven Hobert
Emander Deward

Audio Engineer:
Dave Scharnhorst

WORSHIP HYMNALS

Worship hymnals are in the pew backs in each row. TFF stands for This Far by Faith and is the burgundy hymnal. ELW stands for Evangelical Lutheran Worship and is the cranberry red hymnal.

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CHILDREN

Redeemer loves kids! Your

PRAISE + WORSHIP

Gathering Song: Chasing After You

I'm chasing after you
no matter what I have to do
cause I need you more and more
More and more, more and more
More and more, more and more
I'm chasing after you
I'm praising my way through
Just to be closer to you to you,
I'm chasing after you

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.**
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.
Merciful God,

All: We confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy. Righteous God, we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

L: God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of ☩ Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day: God of all peoples, **your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

THE WORD

First Reading: Romans 12:1-8

1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. 4 For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, 5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. 6 We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; 7 ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; 8 the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

*The Word of our Lord: **Thanks be to God!***

children are welcome in worship and at the Lord's Table, and their noises are celebrated. They may choose to come up front for the kids' message as they are comfortable.

Pick up a Redeemer Kids Bags for your kiddos to help them engage in ways that work for them in worship. We have activity sheets, fidget items, and books. Please return the bags at the end of worship so they'll be ready next week.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Palacio Family, Olson Family, Andrea & Peighton; Shannon; Frankie; Lola; Ruby; Paul; Patricia, Claudia; lone; Renee's Mom, Connie; Redeemer Center for Life & Organizational Partners; Thanksgiving for Pastor Christine Belfrey-Johnson and Baby Eru Azai Halim

GIVING

Thank you for sustaining Redeemer! Leave a gift in the basket during offering or scan QR code to visit our online giving portal. *Thank you for the many ways you give.*



Psalm 138 Read & Respond

L: I give you thanks, O Lord with my whole heart;
before the gods sing your praise;

**All: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name
for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;
for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.**

L: On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

**All: All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

L: They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

**All: For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly;
but the haughty he perceives from far away.**

L: Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

**All: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord,
endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

Gospel Acclamation: *When I Think of the Goodness of Jesus* (TFF 269)

When I think of the goodness of Jesus,
And what he has done for me,
My soul cries out, "Hallelujah!"
Praise God for saving me.

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" 14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." 17 And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." 20 Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

*The Gospel of Our Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ!***

Sermon - Rev. Dr. Jia Starr Brown

Offering

Responsive Hymns: More

I wanna give my best to You, I wanna do what You ask me to
I wanna go wherever You say, just say the word and I will obey
I wanna live a life that's real, I wanna serve You Lord for real
For You deserve all this and more
So I give You more, more
So I give You more, more

You're deserving of more (**You're deserving of more**) (repeat)

I give you more. I give you more.
I give you more. I give you more.
I give you more. I give you more.
I give you more. I give you more. (repeat)

COMMUNION

All are welcome forward to receive the Sacrament. Please take a small cup from the holder, receive the bread, and choose either the wine or grape juice from the chalice poured. A gluten free option is available.

Online: Please share the meal as you are able with crackers, bread and juice or wine. Know that this is *The Body of Jesus broken for you & The Blood of Jesus given for you.*

NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

September 3: Northside Parish Worship at Christ the River of Life (2200 Fremont Ave N, Mpls, MN 55344) at 10:00 AM

Sept. 15-17 ELCA Reclaim Gathering Conference for African, African descent, and black identifying persons. Registration is still open, ask Pastor Jen Collins. Redeemer is one of the site hosts.

Sept 17: Member Gathering at La Dona's (241 Fremont Ave N) after worship (12:30-2:00 pm). If you are new(ish) to Redeemer, a person who is wanting to learn more, deepen engagement and explore ways to give; come join and meet folks!

Sept. 20: FIRST Food & Faith night. Join for a meal at 6:00 pm, Faith Activities 6:30-8:00 pm. Come and explore!

How Great Is Our God

1. The splendor of the king, clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

Refrain: How great is our God!

Sing with me: How great is our God!

And all will see how great, how great is our God!

2. Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end.
The Godhead Three in One, Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb. **(Refrain)**
Name above all names worthy of all praise
My heart will sing how great is our God (2x) **(Refrain)**

Prayers of Intercession: (God in your mercy) **hear our prayer**

Sharing of the Peace:

L: The peace of Christ be with you always! **C: And also with you!**

THE MEAL

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer: Our Creator, Mother, 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.

Communion Hymns: *Taste and See* (TFF 126)

Refrain: Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord

**Oh, taste and see, taste and see, the goodness of the Lord,
Of the Lord.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips.
My soul shall glory in the Lord; For God has been so good to me.
(Refrain)
2. Glorify the Lord at all times. Together let us all praise God's name.
I called the Lord who answered me; From all my troubles I was set free.
(Refrain)
3. Worship the Lord, all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask.
Taste and see that the Lord is good; In God we need put all our trust.
(Refrain)

Now Behold the Lamb (TFF 128)

1. Now behold the Lamb, The precious Lamb of God.
Bore all my sin, that I may live again: The precious Lamb of God.
2. Holy is the Lamb, The precious Lamb of God.
Why you love me so, Lord I shall never know; The precious Lamb of God.
3. Thank you for the Lamb, The precious Lamb of God.
Because of your grace, I can finish the race. The precious Lamb of God.

SENDING

Community Announcements

Blessing*: Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak and help the suffering; honor all people; rejoicing that you are the beloved of God and that you live in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Dismissal:

We invite you to stand, join hands with a neighbor and sing our dismissal. Please join as you are willing and able. We link arms as a symbol and recognition of our interconnectedness.

May God's peace be with you 'till we meet again (2x)

'Till we reach that distant shore, where we shed a tear no more

May God give you strength to endure, 'Till we meet again (2x)

Kids in Worship: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

**This far by faith, pg 90, adapted*