

The Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 14, 2026

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

VISITORS AND MEMBERS

Good morning and welcome! Attendance cards and offerings will be collected at the door as you enter or leave, or you can do both electronically using the QR code on the back cover of this bulletin. We are glad you're here and look forward to meeting you. If you wish, you may also send an email to pastor@redeemerchurch.org.

AS WE GATHER

When we get to Heaven there will be no more fear of being hurt and no further need of forgiving others. We want to grow to the point of always loving others, no matter how hurtful they may be, and that includes being able to forgive.

LESSON FOR DISCIPLES

God leaves no space for the disciples of Jesus to carry grudges.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"Higher Ground"

by Lani Smith

† **PREPARATION** †

OPENING HYMN

“The Lord, My God, Be Praised”

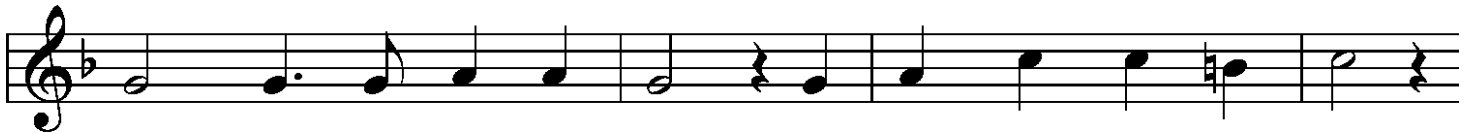
(LSB 794)



1 The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heav - en;
2 The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heav - en,
3 The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heav - en,
△ 4 The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ev - er - liv - ing,



My mak - er, who to me Has soul and bod - y giv - en;
The Fa - ther's own dear Son, Whose life for me was giv - en,
The Spir - it, whom the Son In love to me has giv - en.
To whom the heav'n - ly host Their laud and praise are giv - ing.



My Fa - ther, who will shield And keep me day by day
Who for my sin a - toned With His most pre - cious blood
His grace re - vives my heart And gives my spir - it pow'r,
The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,



And make each mo - ment yield New bless - ings on my way.
And gives to me by faith The high - est heav'n - ly good.
Help, com - fort, and sup - port In sor - row's gloom - y hour.
God Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the Ho - ly Ghost.

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△ = Please stand

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: During our sojourn in this life, our sinful nature presents an ongoing danger. We sin greatly when compared to God's holiness. We acknowledge this as well as our need to forgive others.

(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)

Pastor: Let us also confess our sins together.

People: **Lord, forgive me for the results of my sinful nature. Build into me Your love for people, Your willingness and eagerness to forgive, and the ability to release the transgressions of others.**

Pastor: God is eager to forgive even very large debts. I can therefore forgive you all your sin in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

“I Lay My Sins on Jesus”

(LSB 606)



1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less Lamb of God;
2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; All full - ness dwells in Him;
3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry soul of mine;



He bears them all and frees us From the ac - curs - ed load.
He heals all my dis - eas - es; My soul He does re - deem.
His right hand me em - brac - es; I on His breast re - cline.



I bring my guilt to Je - sus To wash my crim - son stains
I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur - dens and my cares;
I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;



Clean in His blood most pre - cious Till not a spot re - mains.
He from them all re - leas - es; He all my sor - rows shares.
Like fra - grance on the breez - es His name a - broad is poured.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

† **WORD** †

(readings from the English Standard Version Bible (ESV))

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 50:15-21

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶ So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you."' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰ As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹ So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

(following the reading ...)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

Colossians 3:12-15

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

(following the reading ...)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the eighteenth chapter.

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

Then Peter came up and said to Him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³ "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment

to be made. ²⁶ So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³² Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵ So also My heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

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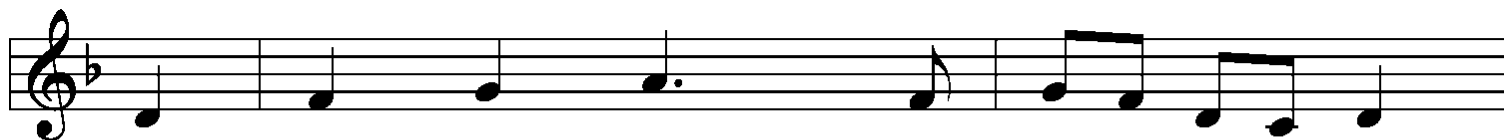
Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN

"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

(LSB 843)



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give,"
 2 How can Your par - don reach and bless
 3 In blaz - ing light Your cross re - veals
 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls



You taught us, Lord, to pray; But You a - lone can
 The un - for - giv - ing heart That broods on wrongs and
 The truth we dim - ly knew: What triv - ial debts are
 And bid re - sent - ment cease; Then, bound to all in



grant us grace To live the words we say.
 will not let Old bit - ter - ness de - part?
 owed to us, How great our debt to You!
 bonds of love, Our lives will spread Your peace.

SERMON

“Refusing to Forgive” Matthew 18:21-35

Intro: The tallest mountain in the world

I. The magnitude of our forgiveness

- A. We may feel that we are generally a good person with little to forgive*
- B. God measures us against Himself*
- C. The scope of our transgressions*
 - 1. What we are: sinful human nature*
 - 2. Actions, Words, Thoughts*
 - 3. Motives, Omissions*
- D. The enormous debt in the parable*

II. Christians don't get to carry a grudge

- A. There is joy in carrying no hurt*
- B. The predisposition of wanting reconciliation and loving others*
- C. There can be certain sins that are hard to forgive*
 - 1. Betrayal*
 - 2. Abuse*
 - 3. Cruelty*
- D. What if they neither omit their sin nor ask forgiveness?*
 - 1. Leaving vengeance to God*
 - 2. Giving God the load to carry*
- E. The one who fails to forgive*
 - 1. Has acted in denial of their own debt*
 - 2. Has failed to reflect the character and desire of God*
 - 3. Delivered to the jailers*

III. What has gone wrong in a person who won't forgive

- A. A lack of spiritual depth*
- B. A dismissal of their own sinfulness*
- C. A lack of fear of God*
- D. Failure to see others as the product of their environment in part*
- E. Where is the line?*
- F. How do we not become that person?*
 - 1. Minimize exposure to hurtful people*
 - 2. Depth: prayer, Scripture, worship, confession, Lord's Supper*
 - 3. Visualize forgiving*

Have you failed to forgive or to transfer to God some hurts that you have received?

How do you plan to get stronger so that you could endure a future hurt and yet forgive?

RESPONSE OF FAITH *The Nicene Creed*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and

was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from

the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped

and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the

resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"Jesus Teaches Nicodemus"

OFFERTORY

“We Praise You, O God”

(LSB 785)



1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship You, God of our fa - thers, we bless You;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide You have been.
And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;
When per - ils o'er - take us, You will not for - sake us,
With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.



We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
And with Your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

† SACRAMENT †

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

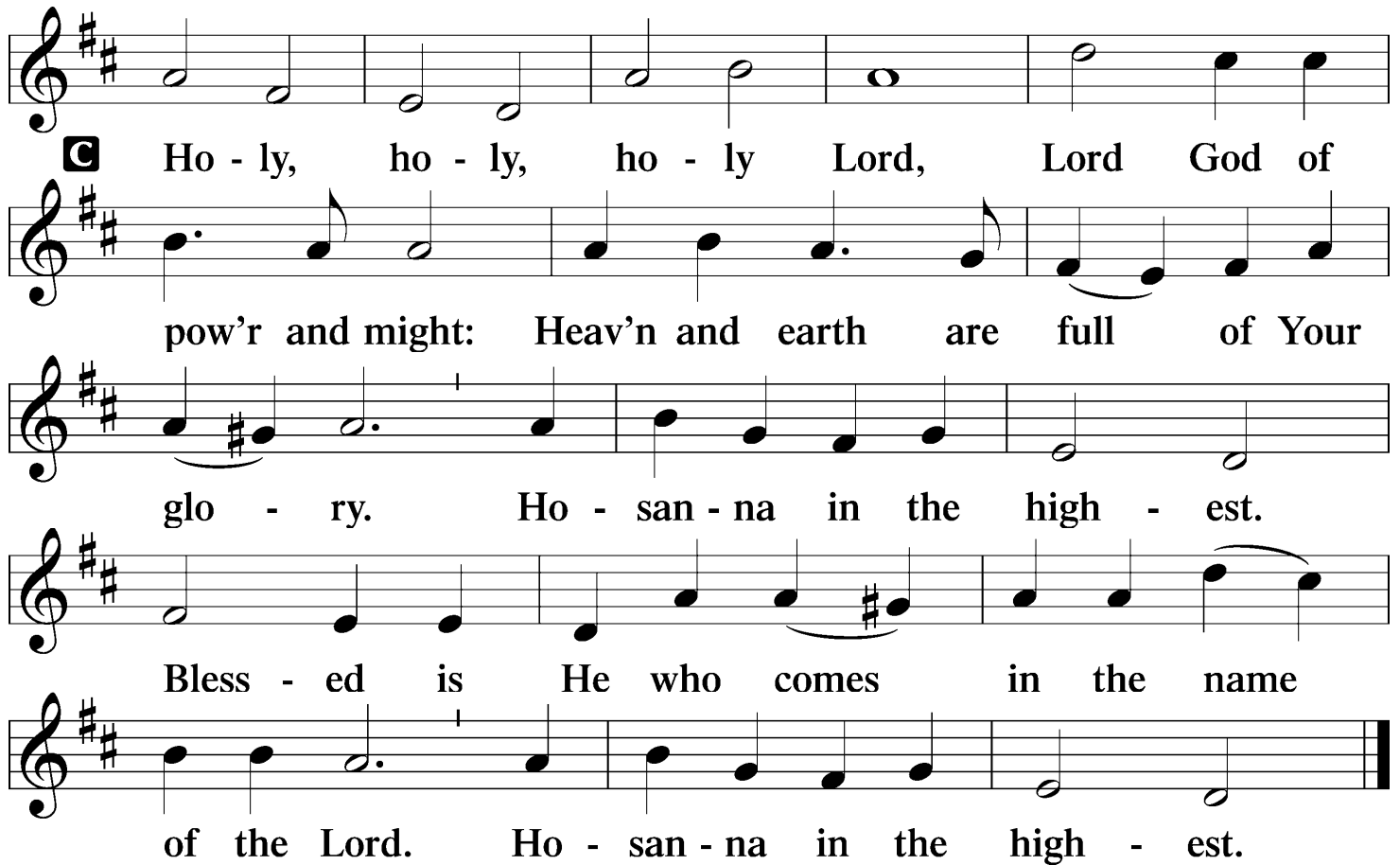
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension in heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:\

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI



☐ 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.

DISTRIBUTION

PLEASE NOTE: Because the sacrament can be taken to one's spiritual harm if not properly understood, *1 Corinthians 11:27*, we ask all visitors to refer to our statement of belief found inside the back cover of this service folder before communing. We are eager for you to participate fully in every aspect of this ministry, but we do not want to compromise any portion of God's Word among us.

Even if you are not partaking in this Sacrament, we invite you to come forward to receive a blessing. Please indicate your desire to receive a blessing by crossing your arms across your chest. Children are invited to come forward and receive a baptismal blessing.

Gluten-free wafers are available if your health requires it. Please ask the Pastor for one when communing. For those who prefer not to have alcohol, there is white grape juice in the cups toward the center of the tray.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"I Walk In Danger All the Way" (LSB 716)



1 I walk in dan - ger all the way. The thought shall nev - er
2 I pass through tri - als all the way, With sin and ills con -
3 And death pur - sues me all the way, No - where I rest se -
4 I walk with an - gels all the way, They shield me and be -



leave me That Sa - tan, who has marked his prey, Is plot - ting
tend - ing; In pa - tience I must bear each day The cross of
cure - ly; He comes by night, he comes by day, He takes his
friend me; All Sa - tan's pow'r is held at bay When heav'n - ly



to de - ceive me. This foe with hid - den snares
God's own send - ing. When in ad - ver - si - ty
prey most sure - ly. A fail - ing breath, and I
hosts at - tend me; They are my sure de - fense,



May seize me un - a - wares If I should fail to
I know not where to flee, When storms of woe my
In death's strong grasp may lie To face e - ter - ni -
All fear and sor - row, hence! Un - harmed by foes, do

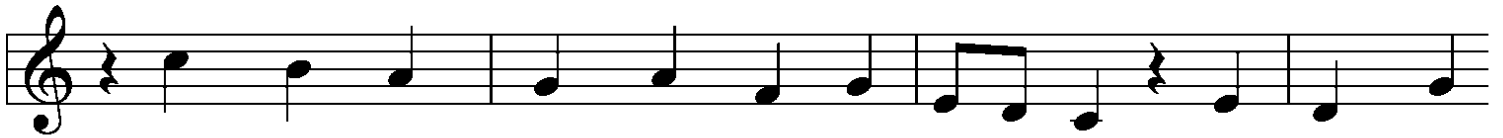


watch and pray. I walk in dan - ger all the way.
soul dis - may, I pass through tri - als all the way.
ty to - day As death pur - sues me all the way.
what they may, I walk with an - gels all the way.

5) I walk with Jesus all the way,
His guidance never fails me;
Within His wounds I find a stay
When Satan's pow'r assails me;
And by His footsteps led,
My path I safely tread.
No evil leads my soul astray;
I walk with Jesus all the way.

6) My walk is heav'nward all the way;
Await, my soul, the morrow,
When God's good healing shall allay
All suff'ring, sin, and sorrow.
Then, worldly pomp, begone!
To heav'n I now press on.
For all the world I would not stay;
My walk is heav'nward all the way.

"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table" (LSB 618)



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and
 2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent year - ing That sin - ners
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I
 4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my
 5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt
 soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -
 bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:
 faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.
 ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:
 ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
 heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.

Refrain



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev - 'ry - one what



He has done. Let ev - 'ry - one who seeks the Lord re -



joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re - calls His prom - is -

es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *“May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill”* (LSB 698)

1 May we Thy pre - cepts, Lord, ful - fill And do on
2 So may we join Thy name to bless, Thy grace a -
3 Spir - it of life, of love and peace, U - nite our
earth our Fa - ther's will As an - gels do a - bove;
dore, Thy pow'r con - fess, From sin and strife to flee.
hearts, our joy in - crease, Thy gra - cious help sup - ply.
Still walk in Christ, the liv - ing way, With all Thy
One is our call - ing, one our name, The end of
To each of us the bless - ing give In Chris - tian
chil - dren and o - bey The law of Chris - tian love.
all our hopes the same, A crown of life with Thee.
fel - low - ship to live, In joy - ful hope to die.

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POSTLUDE

“Recessionale”

by Edward Broughton

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THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Holly Ann Hrvatin.

THE NURSERY is available for the care of your little ones. It is located in the southwest corner of the Education Wing/Preschool Hallway and is clearly marked. Please use the nursery at your convenience or when you find that the younger members of your family are disturbing your time of worship.

THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK @9:15 a.m. ADULT BIBLE STUDY:

- Zechariah with Pastor Tom in the Fellowship Hall

WEEKLY 9:15AM SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES FOR TODDLERS - HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER SCHEDULE

Sunday Morning Littles & Live! (2 yr olds - 4th Grade) meets in Room 201
Redeemer Roots & Reach (5th-12th) meets in the Youth Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is LWML Mite Collection Sunday.

VBS STARTS TOMORROW! June 15-18, 9am-Noon @Redeemer Newburgh

Love the Hungry! - Anyone 12+ is invited to help package meals that will be distributed to the hungry in Kentucky. This event will take place inside the Vanderburgh County 4-H Center Activities Building on Friday, June 26th. Sign up at Evansville or Newburgh for a slot 9-Noon or 1-3pm. **Sign up by June 21** so organizers know how many volunteers to expect.

LWML Convention In-Gathering Collection - We are collecting needed items for Jacob's Village and the LCOC Food Pantry. **Deadline is TODAY.**

Photo Directory in July! - We want to get as many of our current families' photos as possible for a new photo directory. If you are interested in helping take pictures after church on Sundays in July, there is a sign up in the Gathering Area. You don't have to be a pro - just be proficient taking pictures with a smart phone will work!

✠ In Our Prayers ✠

Grief

For the friends and family of Peggy Orth

For the Maller and Sadlington families grieving from losses after a car accident

Illness/Recovery

Dennis S Kelsey E & newborn Julian Daniel E Phyllis T Tony S Kristi

David C Alice W Joe S Louise Bill & Carol

Intercession

For our VBS this week

For struggling marriages

For Lutheran Hour Ministries and all of their outreach efforts

For peace around the world and for persecuted Christians around the world

For our congregation and for our improvement plans beginning at Newburgh

For the success of Redeemer Preschool and Evansville Lutheran School

Wisdom for our country's leaders and all those in authority

For our military and their families; Kurt, Cason, Cody & Katy M

Redeemer Families

Brooks, Tara, Beckett and Isabelle R

Ron and Barb W

Steven H

Serving Today

June 14, 2026

8:00 am Traditional Worship:

Worship Assistant: Erin Kieffner Ushers: Darren & Kelly Birge Organist: Molly Wuertz

Attending Elder: Damon Brown Communion Care: Shauna Boom Coffee Maker: June Schwengel

June 14, 2026

10:30 am Traditional Worship:

Worship Assistants: Pastor Jeremy Seger, Wendy Menke Usher: Tim Buente Organist: Molly Wuertz

Attending Elder: Scott Kempin Communion Care: Pam Keller Coffee: June Schwengel

Serving Next Sunday

June 21, 2026

8:00 am Traditional Worship:

Attending Elder: Rick Castle Ushers: Darren & Kelly Birge Organist: Molly Wuertz

Communion Care: Janice Elwood Coffee Makers: Bob & Debbie Voegel

June 21, 2026

10:30 am Traditional Worship:

Worship Assistant: Pastor Jason Yunker Coffee Makers: Bob & Debbie Voegel

Attending Elder: Damon Brown Communion Care: Michele Hosmon

Ushers: Will and Lori Smith Organist: Molly Wuertz