

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome to Redeemer Lutheran Church! Welcome to all and we extend a special welcome to our guests. Please sign a Guest Card available in the pew in front of you. Introduce yourself to the Pastor, and please, come and worship with us again.

Worship is a time when our Lord speaks and gives and we listen and receive his gifts of mercy, presence and forgiveness. We respond in prayer, praise and thanksgiving. Enter, please, in silence for prayer and meditation.

Please keep a time before worship begins for silence and prayer and meditation. You may use this prayer to prepare for worship:

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord.

Here is prayer for use before taking Holy Communion:

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior. Amen.

+ PRELUDE +

Divine Service One (LSB, Page 151)

Stand

Hymn: Salvation unto Us Has Come, #555, verses 1-5

Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.** (Matthew 28: 19b)

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.** (1 John 1: 8-9)

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

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

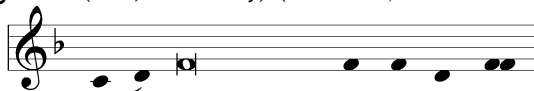
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present 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. (John 20:19-23)

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

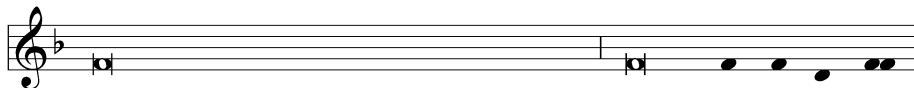
Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy) (Mark 10: 47)



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



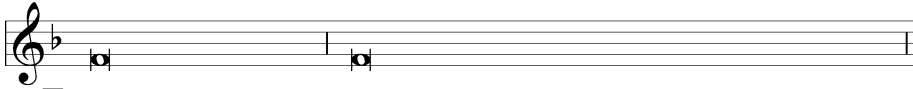
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



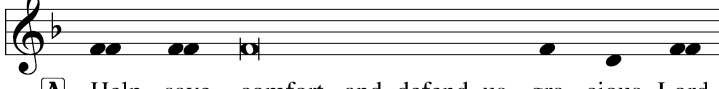
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis (Luke 2:14; John 1:29)



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)



C And al - so with you.

P *Let us pray.* Almighty and merciful God, defend Your Church from all false teaching and error that Your faithful people may confess You to be the only true God and rejoice in Your good gifts of life and salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

First Reading: Isaiah 29:11-19

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

P Fear the LORD, you his saints,

C **for those who fear him lack nothing!**

P Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

C **but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

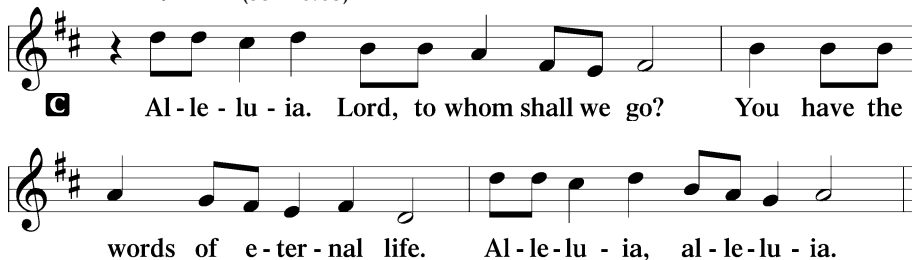
Second Reading: Ephesians 5:22-36

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse (John 6:68)



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.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Gospel Reading: Mark 7: 1-13

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn: Salvation unto Us Has Come, #555, verses 6-10

Sermon

Nicene Creed (Spoken by All)

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.

Prayer of the Church (1 Timothy 2: 1-4)

Sit

Offering

Stand

Offertory: Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our



cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were

sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
 hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
 of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
 give us A fore-taste of the feast to come.

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Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:22

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalms 136



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9



C Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho-san-na. Ho-



san-na. 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord (Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14: 22-24, Luke 22: 19-20, 1 Corinthians 11: 23-25)

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My (+) body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My (+) blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Proclamation of Christ

(1 Corinthians 11:26)

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

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** (Revelation 22:20)

P 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 into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer (Spoken by 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. Matthew 6:9-13

Pax Domini (Peace of the Lord) (John 20: 19)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.** (*We greet one another, saying, “The Peace of the Lord.”*)

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) (John 1: 29)

G 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.

Sit

Distribution Hymns

I Come, O Savior, To Your Table, #618

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll Not Want, #710

Jesus Loves Me This I Know, #588

Thy Works Not Mine, O Christ, #565 (Tune: Christ is Our Cornerstone, #912)

Stand

Post Communion Cantic: Thank the Lord



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek 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



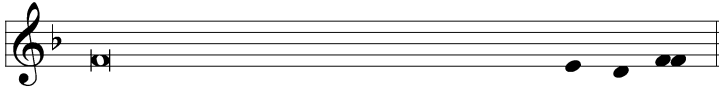
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

P *Let us pray ...* We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26)



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 A - - men.

Hymn: My Hope is Built on Nothing Less, #575

+ **POSTLUDE** +

TAKING THE LORD'S SUPPER AT REDEEMER ... The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Redeemer in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, and any denial of His Holy Words, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Please fill out a Communion Registration Card (located in pew racks). If you are in any doubt about our confession of faith, are communing for the first time or are a member of another denomination, please speak to the Pastor before communing in person. Thank you.

SERVING REDEEMER: Joslyn Lael, Madeline Rose, Acolytes; Barbara Sigmon, Organist; The Reverend Greg Alms, Pastor; Devin Houston and Bob Eury, Elder-Servers; Mr. & Mrs. J.T. Rufty, Greeters; Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Wesson, Offertory Processors; Brad Lael, Mark Wesson, Ronnie Wesson, Rodney Westray, Ushers.

ALTAR FLOWERS are placed to the greater Glory of God and in remembrance of Peggy Herzog's birthday (8/25) the mother of Bob Bratton, and given by the Bratton family.

PARTS OF THE DIVINE SERVICE: CONFESSION: is the act by which one admits or confesses sin and the guilt of sin. In the Confession we are saying "Amen" or "Yes, this is true" to God's righteous judgment against our sin. In the Divine Service, the Lord is present with us and ready to give us His mercy and grace. "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:8-9. (Taken from "A Simple Explanation of the Church Service" pamphlet available in the pews and in the Narthex.)

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL has two classes through August at 9:00 a.m. *The Power of WE* in the parish hall and *A Look at Baptism* in the sanctuary. Not too late to join us!

BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETS Thursday, August 30th at Holy Trinity in Statesville. We can meet at Redeemer at 6:30 p.m. and travel together or meet at Holy Trinity at 7:00 p.m.

TINA CLONINGER is collecting through August gently used children and adult clothing for the Sherrills Ford Clothes Closet at Hopewell Methodist Church. School resumes this month and your donation could bring a smile to a child's face by providing them with something new to wear that first day of school.

REDEEMER AND FRIENDS FEEDING BUNKER HILL FOOTBALL PLAYERS this Friday in the parish hall. The parish hall will be unavailable from 2:00 p.m. until. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to serve and prepare this meal.

NEED VOLUNTEERS for a Crawdad's game AUGUST 31ST. If you can help speak with Robert Benfield, Kelly Matthews or Cameron Bixby today.

HANDBELL CHOIR IS STARTNG UP AFTER LABOR DAY! Can you count? Do your arms move? You can be in the bell choir! Talk to Suzanne Alms for more information!

SEPTEMBER UPDATE AND CALENDAR available this morning from Bill and Fran. Please request the Update for family and neighbors unable to worship with us this morning.

If you, a loved one or friend has returned to normal activities, please speak with Pastor so prayers of thanksgiving can be made on their behalf.

GOD'S PEOPLE PRAY

Prayers for the sick and suffering: Melvin Little; Sharon Abernathy (Endometrial Cancer co-worker Maria Bratton); Bert Sigmon (Melanoma); Travis Smith (grandson of Georgia Lyda); Penny Sundell (friend of Amanda Eury); Shannon Matthews (niece Bob Eury); Brian Sullivan (friend of Angela Isenhour); Jeannie Sigmon; Dan & Carol Pelto (parents of Steve Pelto) Betty Sherrill (mother-in-law Jackie Sherrill); Rick Talledira (friend of Mark Herbert); Jerry Kanipe (brother of Betty Matthews); J.R. Littlejohn; Marilyn Fertig; Mark Herbert; Shirley Stewart; Jerry Clontz (friend of Trent & Tina Cloninger); Shirley Grindstaff (friend of Ken & Nancy Edwards); Wilma Hoke, (friend of Janice Ervin); Virginia Winecoff, (Friend of Janice Ervin); Erin Sipe (daughter of Gary & Susan Witherspoon); James Hedrick (friend of Avis and Bobby Matthews); Jerry Tibbs (Jackie Sherrill's Pops); Linda Richards (friend of Fran Little); Guy Lee (friend of Rodney Yount); Joshua Bokaguard.