

E L E V E N T H S U N D A Y A F T E R
P E N T E C O S T
July 27, 2008

The Order of Worship at 8:15 and 11:00 AM

We extend a warm welcome to all who have chosen to worship at Redeemer today. Please enter the Sanctuary quietly for the sake of those who are in prayer. A Nursery that welcomes children ages 6 weeks- 4 years is available during Worship today. Following the service, please join us for coffee in the Sims Atrium. May this time of worship encourage, inspire, and strengthen you for the days ahead. Additional information about worship at Redeemer is included on the back of the service folder.

Words to be spoken or sung by the congregation are indicated in bold type or marked with a **C**; text marked with **P** or **A** is spoken or sung by a pastor or an assisting minister. Please stand or kneel as you are able for the indicated portions of the service. Please lower your kneelers quietly during prayer.

If you are in need of an Assistive Hearing Device please ask an usher for help.

PRELUDE

Cantabile

César Franck
(1822-1890)

G A T H E R I N G

*The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day of the week,
the day of Christ's resurrection.*

INVITATION TO WORSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Standing

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneeling or seated

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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 In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and, for his sake, God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of

C O M E S H A R E L I F E

Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

☩ Amen

Standing

SHARING THE PEACE

HYMN 504

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

EIN FESTE BURG

GREETING

☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☩ And also with you.

KYRIE

☐ In peace let us pray to the Lord.

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

☐ 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.

☐ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

☐ Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE

SALUTATION

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ Let us pray. Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☩ Amen.

The Pastor will collect your prayer request cards as the children are invited to come forward for the children's sermon.

Please let us know you worshiped with us today by signing the attendance register pad as it is passed down your row. As you return it, take a moment to read the names of those seated around you so you can greet them after the service.

W O R D

God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.

Seated

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Debra Samuelson

11:00 - HYMN 781

Children of the Heavenly Father

TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA

(Stanza 1)

11:00 - HOLY BAPTISM

Please join us in the liturgy of Holy Baptism, found on page 227 of the hymnal.

THE READING

Isaiah 55:10-13

After the reading

C O M E S H A R E L I F E

The word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 65:9-13

Standing

GOSPEL VERSE

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

☩ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

After the reading

The gospel of the Lord.

SERMON

It Shall Not Return to me Empty

Pastor Debra Samuelson

Standing

HYMN 516

Almighty God, Your Seed is Cast

ST. FLAVIAN

Standing

8:15 - APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

T H A N K S G I V I N G

God's grace and mercy summon us to give thanks.

Seated

GATHERING OF GIFTS

ANTHEM

Hymn of Promise
The Redeemer Choir

Natalie Sleeth
(1930-1992)

Standing

OFFERTORY

P R A Y E R S

Your prayer card petitions are offered today in worship and included on The Weekly Prayer List found at the Member Care table. Through the week you may submit prayer requests to kmedford@redeemer.org. Individuals with special on-going prayer needs are continuously included on The Weekly Prayer List unless otherwise advised. Please pick up your Weekly Prayer List and offer your prayers of joy, thanksgiving and concern for one another.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- ☐ Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
and for all people according to their needs.

Kneeling or seated

Each portion of the prayers concludes:

- ☐ Lord, in your mercy,
☑ **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

- ☐ Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
☑ **Amen**

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**

S E N D I N G

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

- ☐ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor ✝ and give you peace.

HYMN 551

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

CHESTERFIELD

SENDING

- ☐ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
☑ **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Ein feste Burg

Helmut Walcha
(1907-1991)