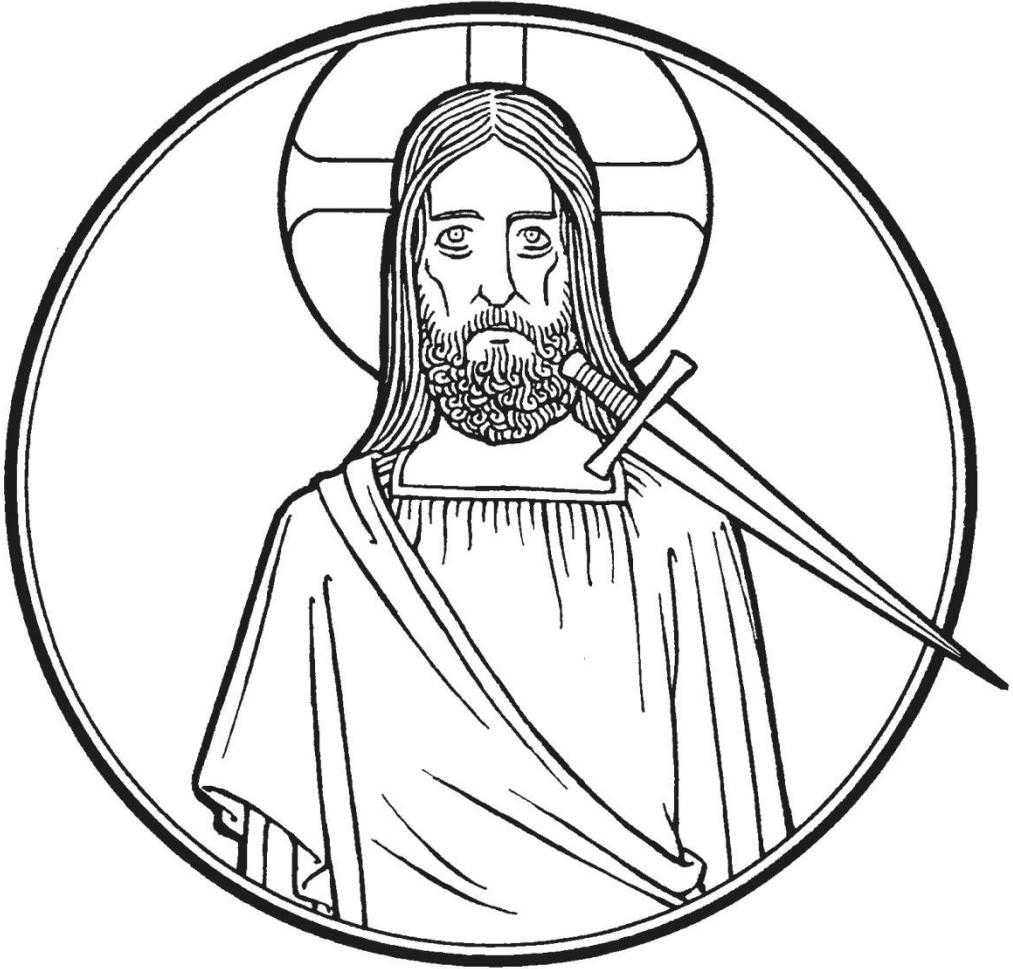


REDEEMING GRACE

Lutheran Church



Empowered to Love

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Thank you for worshiping with us today. We would love to invite you back, so please sign our guest register outside the main doors of the sanctuary. Children are most welcome to stay during our service, but if you need a quiet place, make yourself at home in the gathering space outside the sanctuary.

WORSHIP AND HOLY COMMUNION

Lutheran Worship focuses on God's service to His people. Today our Triune God visits us each personally through His holy Word to give us forgiveness, life, and salvation. Holy Communion or the Lord's Supper is a sacred meal where Jesus comes to us personally in, with, and under the bread and wine. Because this meal is such a sacred and intimate expression of our faith, we ask that only our members take communion. If you have questions, please ask our pastor about the practice of closed communion.

SERVING TODAY | *Our special thanks for your service*

HymnSoft	Remi Johnson
Ushers	Steve Besser, Matt Engelmann, Al Storby
Altar Guild	Deb Peterson
F.A.S.T.	Beta <i>Gamma next week</i>

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP | *See pages 10-11, and 156 in the Hymnal*

SERVICE OF PREPARATION



*We prepare for worship by returning to our Baptism.
"And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized
and wash your sins away, calling on His name." Acts 4:22*

GATHERING VERSE | *read together*

In Jesus, we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. Ephesians 1:7

OPENING HYMN

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus | 452

- 1. Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow his example pure,
Flee the world which would deceive us And to sin our souls allure.
Ever in his footsteps treading, Body, here, yet souls above,
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, abide with me. Savior, lead; I follow thee.*
- 2. Let us suffer here with Jesus, To his image e'er conform;
Heaven's glory soon will please us, Sunshine follow on the storm.
Though we sow in tears of sorrow, We shall reap in heav'nly joy,
And the fears that now annoy Shall be laughter on the morrow.
Christ, I suffer here with thee; There, oh, share thy joy with me.*
- 3. Let us also die with Jesus, His death from the second death,
From our soul's destruction, frees us, Quickens us with life's glad breath.
Let us mortify, while living, Flesh and blood and die to sin,
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here I die to thee, There to live eternally.*

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

C: *Amen.*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *Amen*

PRAYER AND PRAISE

All Glory Be to God on High | 263

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

***All glory be to God on high, Who has our race befriended!
To us no harm shall now come nigh; The strife at last is ended.
The Father's love, the Savior's birth, Bring peace, good will to all the
earth; Oh, thank him for his goodness!***

P: The Lord be with you.

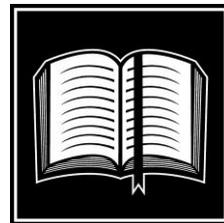
C: *And also with you.*

P: Let us pray: O God, you have prepared joys beyond understanding for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *Amen.*

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Through the reading and preaching of His holy Word, Jesus calls out, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28.



OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 32:15-19, 25-29

Moses turned and went down the mountain with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hands. They were inscribed on both sides, front and back. ¹⁶The tablets were the work of God; the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets. ¹⁷When Joshua heard the noise of the people shouting, he said to Moses, "There is the sound of war in the camp." ¹⁸Moses replied: "It is not the sound of victory, it is not the sound of defeat; it is the sound of singing that I hear." ¹⁹When Moses approached the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, his anger

burned and he threw the tablets out of his hands, breaking them to pieces at the foot of the mountain... ²⁵Moses saw that the people were running wild and that Aaron had let them get out of control and so become a laughing-stock to their enemies. ²⁶So he stood at the entrance to the camp and said, "Whoever is for the LORD, come to me." And all the Levites rallied to him. ²⁷Then he said to them, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'Each man strap a sword to his side. Go back and forth through the camp from one end to the other, each killing his brother and friend and neighbor.' " ²⁸The Levites did as Moses commanded, and that day about three thousand of the people died. ²⁹Then Moses said, "You have been set apart to the LORD today, for you were against your own sons and brothers, and he has blessed you this day."

VERSE OF THE DAY | *read together*

Mark 1:11b

C: Alleluia. If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Alleluia.

P: As is the custom of the Church, please stand for the Gospel. The Holy Gospel for the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost is found in the tenth chapter of Matthew beginning at the thirty-fourth verse.

C: *Glory be to you, O Lord!*

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 10:34-39

"Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to turn " 'a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law— ³⁶a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.' ³⁷"Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter

more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

C: *Praise be to you, O Christ!*

NICENE CREED

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | *Children gather at the baptismal font*

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke | 453

1. *“Come, follow me,” the Savior spoke, “All in my way abiding.
Deny yourselves; the world forsake; Obey my call and guiding.
Oh, bear the cross, whate’er betide; Take my example for your guide.*
3. *“My heart abounds in lowliness, My soul with love is glowing,
And gracious words my lips express, With meekness overflowing.
My heart, my mind, my strength, my all To God I yield; on him I call.*
4. *“I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your souls’ salvation,
Your hearts from ev’ry guile to free, From sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul And lead you to your heav’nly goal.”*

SERMON | *Love for the Long-Term*

1 John 2:15-17

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

RESPONSE | *please stand*

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Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.

OFFERING

We bring our offerings to God out of gratitude for all the blessings He has given us. Offerings may be left in the plate at the back of church or may be given online at rglc.org.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Heaven and earth unite in this sacred meal for the forgiveness of sins. "Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him." Psalm 34:8



THE LORD'S PRAYER AND PREFACE | *please stand*

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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.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *And also with you.*

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: *It is good and right so to do.*

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts: heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Pastor speaks the words of institution

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

C: *Amen.*

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Those who desire to receive the Lord's Supper or a blessing from the Pastor may remain standing.

THANKSGIVING AND BLESSING | *please stand*

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Lord, now You let your servant depart in peace according to Your word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel.

P: O Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

C: *And His mercy endures forever.*

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *Amen.*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + Give you peace.

C: *Amen. Amen. Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

Take the World, but Give Me Jesus | 355

***1. Take the world, but give me Jesus! All its joys are but a name.
But his love abides forever, Through eternal years the same.
Oh, the height and depth of mercy, Oh, the length and breadth of love!
Oh, the fullness of redemption, Pledge of endless life above!***

***2. Take the world, but give me Jesus, Sweetest comfort of my soul,
With the Savior watching o'er me, I can sing, though thunders roll.
Oh, the height and depth of mercy, Oh, the length and breadth of love!
Oh, the fullness of redemption, Pledge of endless life above!***

***3. Take the world, but give me Jesus! In his cross my trust shall be
Till with clearer, brighter vision Face to face my Lord I see.
Oh, the height and depth of mercy, Oh, the length and breadth of love!
Oh, the fullness of redemption, Pledge of endless life above!***

ON MY HEART TIME | *weekly home devotion guide*

Weekly Review	Catechism	The Table of Duties: Government
Bible Readings	Old Testament	Joshua 23:1-11
	Epistle	Hebrews 4:1-11
	Gospel	Matthew 11:25-30
Prayer and Praise	Hymn	Come unto Me, Ye Weary
	Psalm	Psalm 145

GROWING IN GRACE | *weekly schedule*



Monday	1-5 p.m.	Pastor's office hours
Tuesday	1-5 p.m.	Pastor's office hours
Wednesday	1-5 p.m.	Pastor's office hours
	7 p.m.	Midweek Service
Thursday	1-5 p.m.	Pastor's office hours

If office hours don't work, contact Pastor Mayer to make an appointment.

EVENING BIBLE STUDIES

Men's Bible Study will be on the third Thursday of each month at Pastor's house (13654 Twilight Trail, Rogers) and Women's Bible Study will be on the fourth Friday of each month at church, both beginning at 7:00 p.m. Participants are welcome to bring a beverage or snacks to share.

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group, Lutheran League of Almost Mature Adults, will meet Sunday, July 26th from 5 to 6:30 p.m. We'll have Bible Study time and fun hang out time.