

# Reordering our loves

Luke 14:25-35

Rev. L. Tardelli Voss | Lutheran Mission Society San Diego



September 7, 2025 ~ 8:30 am

## **REDEEMER BY THE SEA ~ "A PLACE TO KNOW AND BE KNOWN"**

We are honored to recognize our niche in God's Kingdom work. Here we will faithfully worship and teach in alignment with God's Word and we're a small enough fellowship where you can know and be known by most of the people around you if that's your desire. Here you will be missed if you're gone and prayed for when you have needs. You are welcome to contact the office ([kay@redeemerbythesea.org](mailto:kay@redeemerbythesea.org)) with any questions or to get connected.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS: [www.RedeemerbytheSea.org](http://www.RedeemerbytheSea.org)**

<b>Sept. 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>LWM – Meeting &amp; Program</b>
<b>Sept 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>MomCo – First Meeting</b>
<b>Sept 13<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Holy Hackers</b>
<b>Sept. 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Women Friday Fellowship</b>
<b>Oct. 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:15am</b>	<b>One Combined Worship Service</b>
	<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Fall Festival</b>

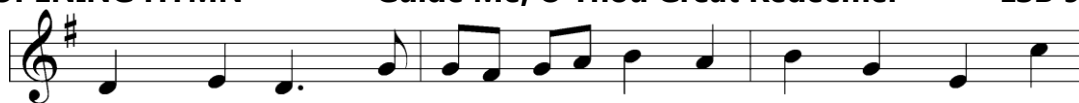


## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING HYMN

### "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"

LSB 918



1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;  
stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar  
fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,



Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,  
Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,  
Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,



bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no  
strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and  
songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to



more; Feed me till I want no more.  
shield; Be Thou still my strength and shield.  
Thee; I will ev - er give to Thee.

Text: William Williams, 1717–91, abr.; (st. 1): tr. Peter Williams, 1722–96, alt.; (sts. 2–3): tr. William Williams, 1717–91 Tune: John Hughes, 1873–1932 Text and tune: Public domain

### INVOCATION

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

**People:** Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(silence for further personal reflection and specific confession)*

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**People: 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**

Pastor: God has heard our prayer, and has sent His Son into our world, to die for us and to rise again that we may have new life. As a called and ordained servant of the word, and at the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I announce the grace of God unto all you, your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## KYRIE

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: 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.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## Refrain



This is the feast\_\_\_ of vic - to - ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

## Verses



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, \_\_\_\_\_ whose  
2 Pow - - - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, \_\_\_\_\_ and



blood set us free \_\_\_\_\_ to be peo - ple of God. *to refrain above*  
hon - or, \_\_\_\_\_ bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *to Final Refrain below*

## Final Refrain



This is the feast\_\_\_\_\_ of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia!

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen**

## SHARING GOD'S PEACE

"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

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Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker <sup>2</sup> and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, <sup>5</sup> because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, <sup>6</sup> and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. <sup>7</sup> For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

<sup>8</sup> Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, <sup>9</sup> yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus—<sup>10</sup> I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup> (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) <sup>12</sup> I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. <sup>13</sup> I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, <sup>14</sup> but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. <sup>15</sup> For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup> no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup> So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. <sup>18</sup> If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup> I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup> Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

<sup>21</sup> Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 173

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 14:25-35

Pastor: The Gospel reading today comes from Luke chapter 14.

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

Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup> "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup> For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup> saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' <sup>31</sup> Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

<sup>34</sup> "Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? <sup>35</sup> It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**



## **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.**



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -  
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience  
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He  
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to  
 bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He  
 con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to  
 from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,  
 is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,  
 us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion  
 You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and  
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts  
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that  
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful  
 that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,  
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,  
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.  
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.  
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.  
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: *(concluding each petition)* Lord, in Your mercy:

**People: hear our prayer.**

**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.**

**+ SERVICE OF THE 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.**

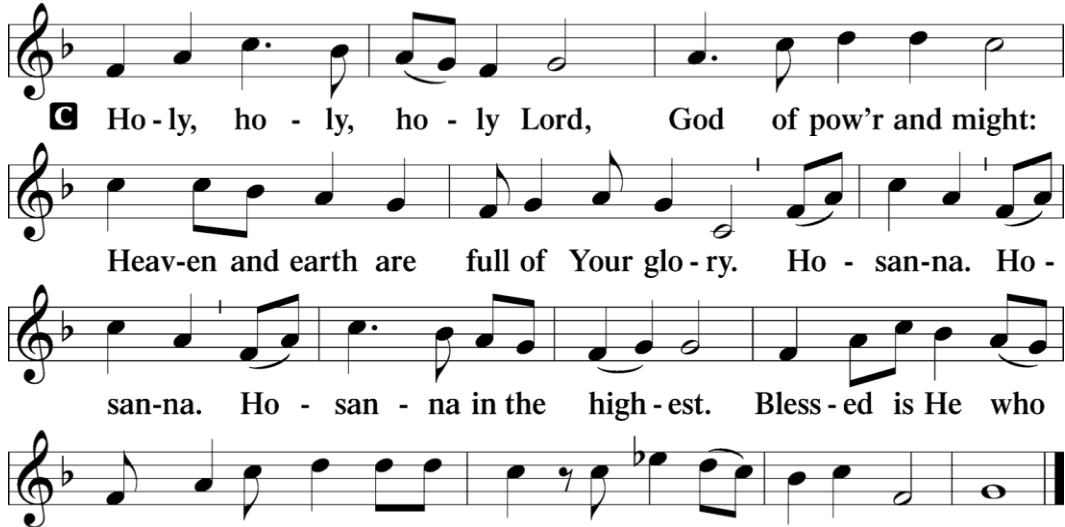
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right for us to do so.**

Pastor: It is our joy and our peace, at all times and in all places to give thanks to you, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God through Jesus Christ, our Lord. We especially thank You for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, into the world to bear our sins on the cross, and to carry the burdens of our broken humanity. We look in faith for forgiveness, joy and healing, and in expectation of the fulfillment of your kingdom's presence we join the unending praise of the hosts of heaven and say:

## SANCTUS

LSB 161



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

Pastor: 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 sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, Lord to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. May we faithfully eat and drink as Jesus commands until that day when all the faithful will be gathered in the new kingdom to celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb.

To You alone, Three in One, be all glory, honor, and worship, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As God's Word proclaims, as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death, His rest in the tomb, His resurrection from the dead, His ascension into heaven, and His return for the final judgment.

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

## DISTRIBUTION

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN “Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways” LSB 707



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat-utes still!  
2 Or - der my foot-steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin-cere;  
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A strict-er watch to keep;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!  
Let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, But keep my con-science clear.  
And should I e'er for - get Thy way, Re - store Thy wan-d'ring sheep.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt. Tune: William H. Havergal, 1793–1870 Text and tune: Public domain

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: 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 in 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.

**People: Amen.**

## 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****"Stand up, Stand Up for Jesus"****LSB 660**

- 1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the cross.
- 2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The trum - pet call o - bey;
- 3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; Stand in His strength a - lone.
- 4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The strife will not be long;



Lift high His roy - al ban - ner; It must not suf - fer loss.  
Stand forth in might - y con - flict In this His glo - rious day.  
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.  
This day the din of bat - tle, The next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my He shall lead  
Let all His faith - ful serve Him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;  
Put on the Gos - pel ar - mor; Each piece put on with prayer.  
The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, Their crown of life shall see



Till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished, And Christ is Lord in - deed.  
Let cour - age rise with dan - ger And strength to strength op - pose.  
Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.  
And with the King of Glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: George Duffield, Jr., 1818–88, alt. Tune: George J. Webb, 1803–87 Text and tune: Public domain

**SENDING**

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE****"Toccata in Seven"**

by John Rutter

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**OFFERINGS:** Visitors: please consider yourselves our guests and do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. In faithful obedience and joyful response to God's grace in our lives, we humbly and gratefully bring our tithes (a regular first portion percentage of our income) and offerings (gifts over and above our tithes for other kingdom work). You may deposit your envelope, check, or cash in the box next to the exit; give online with your phone using the QR code at right or text "GIVE" to 442-222-2448. All these options are on our website: **[www.redeemerbythesea.org/donate/](http://www.redeemerbythesea.org/donate/)**



**CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE:** The Call Committee is pleased to announce that we have selected the leading candidate for our next Pastor. He is currently arranging coverage to allow him to visit Redeemer. During this visit, he will meet with our Leadership Team and participate in worship services, offering members of the congregation an opportunity to meet him.

Our selection process was informed by a Pastor profile developed by the committee, incorporating our current insights, alongside materials reviewed from the previous call committee. Additionally, we reflected on feedback from our congregational survey and *'listening'* sessions.

The candidate is Rev. Eli Johannes Thomas, who serves at 2 Churches in Washington, Grace Lutheran (*Traditional*) in Longview and Christ Community (*Contemporary*) in Ridgefield and has said he loves both traditional and contemporary worship. As a colloquy into the LCMS, he brings a broad perspective on ministry beyond the Lutheran tradition. Ordained on September 29, 2013, he has been described by his current District President as contemporary, with a highly evangelical approach to ministry and mission.

**LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION:** Our fall meetings/programs will begin on **Tues. Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>**. Following the business meeting at **9:30am**, Marty Acevedo, President of Parkinson's Association of San Diego, will present "Living Your Best Life", a phrase she coined to encourage others living with Parkinson's. Join us in the Fellowship Hall.

This week's altar flowers have been donated by Rev. Dr. Joseph B. Kennedy, Sr. and Rev. Carol Walker in celebration of Lori Batherson's birthday with appreciation for her generous and caring ministries.

**NEW MEMBER CLASS COMING:** This class is for those who want to become a member at Redeemer by the Sea or want more information on the Lutheran faith. The Elders will be leading. If interested, please email: [office@redeemerbythesea.org](mailto:office@redeemerbythesea.org) by **Oct. 10th**. The Elders will then work with participants to select a date and time for the class.

**MOMCO STARTING SEPT. 11<sup>th</sup> AT REDEEMER:** MomCo (formerly known as MOPS) encourages and equips moms of young children to realize their potential as mothers, women and leaders, in relationship with Jesus, and in partnership with Redeemer by the Sea. The first meeting will be in the Fellowship Hall on **Thurs. Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am**. Email Chase De Gaine: [chasedegaine@gmail.com](mailto:chasedegaine@gmail.com) for more information.

**HOLY HACKERS:** The next outing will be on **Sat. Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>**. We play scramble so golfers of all skill levels are welcome. Email Rhonda to play and she will secure tee times: [rhonda@redeemerbythesea.org](mailto:rhonda@redeemerbythesea.org).

**WOMEN'S FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP:** **Fri. Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm**. Join us at Stephanie Olivera's house for Friday Happy Hour and Bible Study with friends from RBTS. Hors'd provided, but please bring your own beverage. **RSVP** online to obtain Stephanie's address.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR RBTS FALL FESTIVAL:** On **Sun. Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>**. We will have one Combined Worship Service at 10:15am, followed by our annual Fall Festival. Activities this year include Trunk-or-Treat, a petting zoo, pony rides, inflatables, a BBQ, and more!

**TODAY, WE WELCOME REV. DR. L. TARDELLI VOSS:** Rev. Dr. L. Tardelli Voss is honored to serve Redeemer by the Sea today and is very thankful for the opportunity. He served our church in 2023 for a couple of Sundays in Pastor Dennis' absence and is glad to return, especially in this season of transition. A native of Brazil, he has been a Lutheran pastor for 21 years (Northwest Arkansas 9 years, Rio de Janeiro 9 years, and in San Diego since February 2023). He currently serves as Missionary Director for the Lutheran Mission Society San Diego, an organization that seeks to serve every LCMS congregation in San Diego County and Tijuana (including, hopefully, Redeemer by the Sea). You can learn more at [sdlutherans.org](http://sdlutherans.org), on social media, or by talking directly with Pastor Voss. Email: [tvoss@sdlutherans.org](mailto:tvoss@sdlutherans.org) | Phone: **858-305-1990**.