



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST

JULY 12, 2026

8:00 AM

Episcopal Church of

# The Redeemer

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**Welcome to The Redeemer. We're glad you're here!**

The order for worship is found within this leaflet. The Book of Common Prayer page numbers for the liturgy are indicated throughout. If you are a visitor, we invite you to sign the guest book in the entrance or fill out one of the cards in the pew and make yourself known to those around you—parishioners and staff will be happy to answer any questions you may have about our liturgy, programs or facilities. Information on parish activities can be found in the enclosed *News from The Redeemer* and on [www.TheRedeemer.org](http://www.TheRedeemer.org).

## Summer Worship at The Redeemer

### Sunday 8:00am-Rite I

Holy Eucharist: without music

9:30am-Holy Eucharist  
& via Livestream

8:00pm - Compline via Zoom

### Tuesday & Thursday

9:00pm-Compline via Zoom

#### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

#### COLLECT FOR PURITY

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*Presider* Almighty God, unto 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 thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### KYRIE

*Presider* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*People* **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

*Presider* Lord, have mercy upon us.

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee, and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The congregation is seated.*



**READING** from *The Book of Isaiah 55:10-13*

*Following the reading:*

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 65:9-14**

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*Said by all*

**9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;  
you make it very plenteous; \*  
the river of God is full of water.**

**10 You prepare the grain, \*  
for so you provide for the earth.**

**11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; \*  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

**12 You crown the year with your goodness, \*  
and your paths overflow with plenty.**

**13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, \*  
and the hills be clothed with joy.**

**14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,  
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; \*  
let them shout for joy and sing.**

**GOSPEL** from *The Gospel According to Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

*Priest*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mathew.

*People*        **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

*Following the reading:*

*Priest*        The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

The Rev. Peter T. Vanderveen

**NICENE CREED**, *said by all, standing*

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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,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the  
Virgin Mary, and was made man.  
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,  
 with the Father and the Son, is worshiped and glorified,  
 who has spoken through the prophets.  
 We believe in one holy catholic 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.

CONFESSION OF SIN, *all kneeling*

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*Presider* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.  
*Presider* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**  
*People*  
*Presider* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The congregation stands.*

THE PEACE

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And with thy spirit.**

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

*All are welcome to receive Communion. Please proceed by way of the center aisle and return to your pew via the side aisles. To receive the bread, simply extend your hands. If you do not wish to take wine or you wish to receive a blessing, cross your hands over your chest. Infants and children may also receive Communion or a blessing, according to their or their parents' wishes. If you need a gluten free wafer, please ask for it from the person administering Communion.*

*The congregation is invited to stand.*

PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer II  
 BCP page 340

*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And with thy spirit.**  
*Presider* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
*Presider* Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**  
*Presider* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. . .

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS, *said by all*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people kneel.*

*The presider continues,*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER, *said by all***

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*Presider* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*People and Presider*

**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 for ever and ever. Amen.**

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

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*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread*

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*After Communion, the Presider says: Let us pray.*

*Presider and People*

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

**BLESSING**

**DISMISSAL**

*Priest* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

## GRACE NOTES. . .

*small things that herald greater ones.*

*All by Brent Rempel: [The Trinitarian Theology of John Webster](#)*

*Compiled by the Rector*

God's freedom *is* God's love.

God's absoluteness is therefore nothing other than his freedom for loving action.

To its very deepest depths God's Godhead consists in the fact that it is the event of his action, in which we have a share in God's revelation.

God's freedom is freedom for fellowship.

*Thank you for worshiping with us in this service. Your contribution or pledge payment sustains our presence as the church to the community. If you're giving cash, check or offering envelopes, please drop them in the offering plates at the back of the church. You can give online at [www.TheRedeemer.org/give](http://www.TheRedeemer.org/give), text TheRedeemer to 73256, Venmo (@TheRedeemer), or PayPal (Church of the Redeemer).*

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

### *Traditional - Rite I*

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee, and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### *Contemporary - Rite II*

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

### READING from *The Book of Isaiah 55:10-13*

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you

shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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and your paths overflow with plenty.  
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### READING from *Paul's Letter to the Romans 8:1-11*

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is

life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

**GOSPEL** from *The Gospel According to Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!" "Hear then the parable of the sower. When

anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

**DID YOU KNOW**

Did you know, the purpose of this column is to show the importance of Stewardship at The Redeemer? In the fall, the focus is on the present campaign and in the spring, it highlights our beautiful campus, exquisite church, interesting historical information, current preservation as well as highlighting our commitment to community involvement. Past Stewardship support has brought us to the present and we are the stewards of the future. For the 2026 year, an astounding 50% of households increased their pledge and 7% of all pledges were new, or returned, supporters which is tremendous for future growth. In total, the campaign raised 11.5% more than the previous year. Thank you to ALL who made Stewardship 2026 a record year by generously supporting The Redeemer.

*Our sincere thanks to Stewardship Committee member Arden Saligman who researches and composes these DYKs throughout the year. She will take a well-deserved hiatus this summer.*

*. . . Now that's Ministry and your Stewardship makes it happen!*

**MEMORIAL FLOWERS**

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by: Pricilla Bradshw in memory of Thornton F. Bradshaw and The Shafer Family in memory of Cannie Shafer.

**SERVING THE PARISH**

**8:00am**

**Lector:** Eric Rabe

**Eucharistic Minister:** Ann Strong

**Altar Guild Team:** Pam McMullin, Nancy Sharp, Presley Shwinn

**Clergy:** Peter Vanderveen-*Preacher*, Jo Ann Jones-*Officiant / Celebrant*

**Flower Guild:** Marby Sparkman, Nadia Jannetta, Leslie Boris, Babs Camerota, Jane Hastings, Mary Ellen Partel

**Ushers:** Sook Hee Yoo, Lisa Mclean

**9:30am**

**Lector:** June Winfield

**Eucharistic Minister:** Mary Lee

**Acolytes:** Scott Carter

**Altar Guild Team:** Pam McMullin, Nancy Sharp, Presley Shwinn

**Clergy:** Peter Vanderveen-*Preacher / Officiant*, Jo Ann Jones-*Celebrant*

**Flower Guild:** Marby Sparkman, Nadia Jannetta, Leslie Boris, Babs Camerota, Jane Hastings, Mary Ellen Partel

**Director of Music & Organist:** Andrew Senn

**Livestream Operator:** David Woods

**Ushers:** TBD

**Vergers:** Bob Mikrut-*Head Verger*, Kay Stephan