

Liturgy at Redeemer–St. John’s and
Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church with
Salam Arabic Lutheran Church

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Evangelical Lutheran Worship



Sunday, August 10, 2025

10:30 a.m.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

Elévation

Marcel Dupré

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table.

When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

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 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. *Please stand.*

ENTRANCE HYMN O Day of Rest and Gladness Hymn #521

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.**

Lord, Have Mercy



1, 3	Ky - ri - e	e - lei - son.	Ky - ri - e	e - lei - son.
2	Chris - te	e - lei - son.	Chris - te	e - lei - son.
1, 3	Lord, . . .	have mer - cy.	Lord,	have mer - cy.
2	Christ, . . .	have mer - cy.	Christ,	have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e	e - lei	-	i - son.
Chris - te	e - lei	-	i - son.
Lord, . . .	have mer	-	cy.
Christ, . . .	have mer	-	cy.

Music: Russian Orthodox traditional

GLORIA

John Lee

Setting by James Biery

GLORIA from *Congregational Mass*, 1970

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Presider *Choir* *Assembly*

We praise you, we bless you,

Choir *Assembly*

we a - dore you, Lord God, heav'n-ly King,

Choir

O God, al-might-y Fa - ther.

Assembly

you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us;

Choir *Assembly*

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther,

Choir *Assembly*

have mer-cy on us. with the Ho-ly Spir - it,

in the glor-y of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen. *Please be seated.*

Word

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-6

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 33:12-22



Bless-ëd the peo - ple the Lord has chos-en to be his own.

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R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Exult, you just, in the LORD;
praise from the upright is fitting.

Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people he has chosen for his own inheritance.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him,
upon those who hope for his kindness,
To deliver them from death
and preserve them in spite of famine.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Our soul waits for the LORD,
who is our help and our shield.
May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us
who have put our hope in you.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By

faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

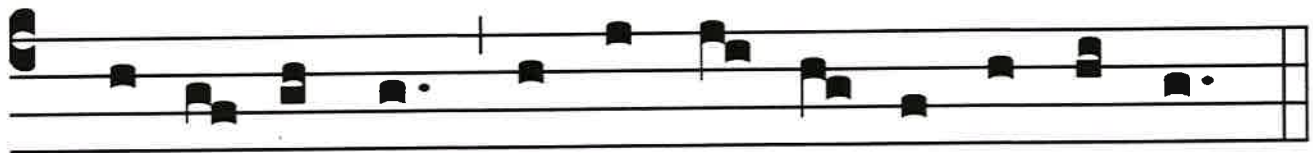
¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand.



Al-le- lú- ia, al- le- lú- ia, al- le- lú- ia.

Alleluia. *"Stay awake and be ready! For you do not know on what day the Son of Man will come."* Alleluia (Mt 24:42a, 44)

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the twelfth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY

Silence for reflection

Rev. Khader Khalilia

HYMN OF THE DAY O Master, Let Me Walk with You

Hymn #818

APOSTLE'S CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church
and pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

Keep the heart of your church set firmly in you so that, with lamps lit and attentive
to Christ's call at any time or place, your people are ready to respond with faithful
action for the sake of the world. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Worlds were prepared by your word. Speak healing and protection upon the earth,
especially where life and habitats are threatened. Guide the work of astronomers
and all who teach us about the stars and galaxies. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

You know the actions and deeds of the nations. Turn humanity away from instruments of war and violence. Fashion the hearts of world leaders to work for peace. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be on those in need. Assure all who are afraid or experiencing great uncertainty that your promises are sure. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Calm the fears of migrants and refugees who set out, not knowing where they go. Provide shelter, sustenance, protection from harm, and welcome. Bless the work of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service and other means of support and advocacy. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We celebrate the ancestors in the faith who built their lives on your promises and died having seen them only from a distance. Sustain us in our hope of things not seen. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GREETING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you. *The assembly sits after exchanging the peace.*

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, Peace be with you. You may consider a gesture without physical touch, perhaps a slight bow, or crossing over the chest, as a symbol of an embrace.

**Please consider an offering to Redeemer-St. John's and Our Saviour's Lutheran Church by clicking at this link: <https://secure.myvanco.com/YQ3P/home> or scan the QR code below.*



AT THE OFFERING

Sicut Cervus

Palestrina

OFFERTORY VERSE

Please stand.

YOU ARE HOLY (DU AR HELIG)



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



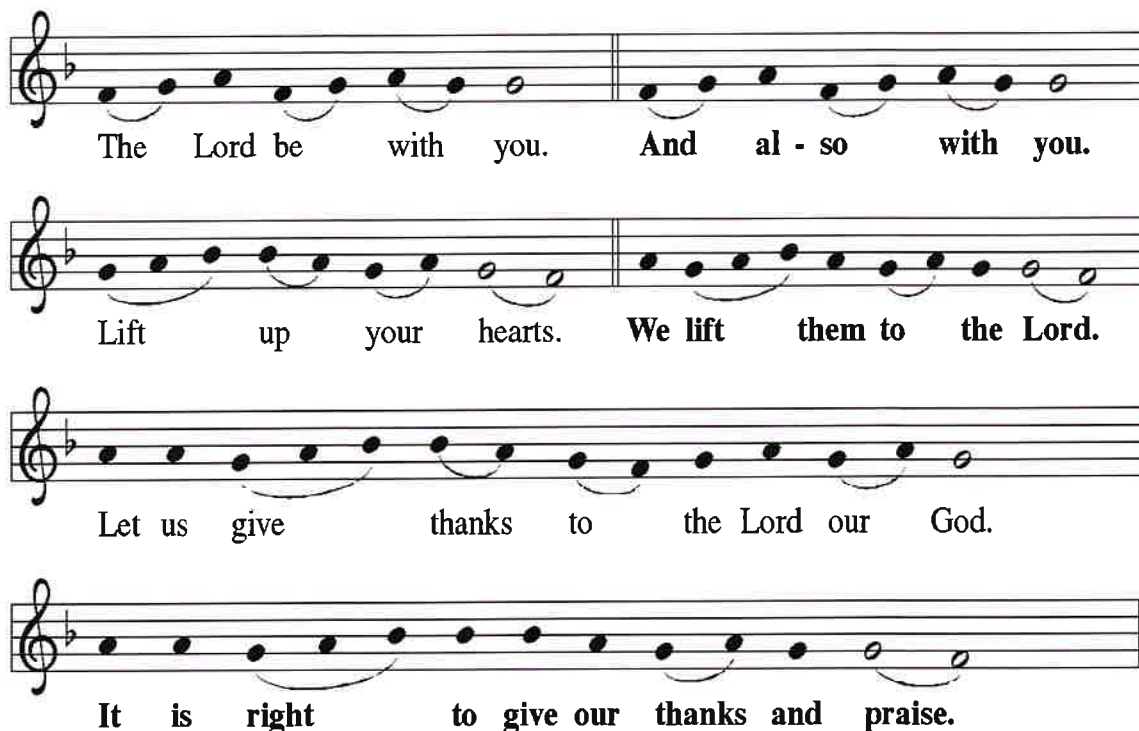
ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Creator God,
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor,
that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, often beamed together. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined. The first staff has a double bar line after the first phrase. The second staff also has a double bar line after the first phrase. The third and fourth staves do not have double bar lines.

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... We praise your name and join
their unending hymn...

Holy, Holy, Holy

Great Thanksgiving



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: *A Community Mass*, Richard Proulx, b. 1937

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

OUR FATHER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

AT THE DISTRIBUTION

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion.
In this Sacrament we receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ for our forgiveness and salvation
as we celebrate our unity with Christ and all the saints.*

O Lamb of God

O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us. O Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. O Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace.

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MUSIC AT COMMUNION The King of Love My Shepherd Is Hymn #502

POST COMMUNION BLESSING *Please stand.*

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Now, Lord



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace: your word has
been ful - filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion
which you have pre - pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:
a light to re - veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning,
is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. O God, we give you thanks that
you have set before us this feast, the body and
blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to
serve all in need and to give ourselves away
as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sending

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

BENEDICTION *Please stand.*

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING O God, Our Help in Ages Past Hymn #632

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Meditation Battison Haynes

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PARISH NOTES – August 10, 2025

Welcome in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! We appreciate your joining us as we celebrate the love given to us through God's beloved Son. If you wish to be included on our mailing list, please sign the guest book or inform an usher or the pastor. Also, please join us for conversation and refreshments in the lower level after worship. May you feel richly blessed this day!



~John DeLuca, Beatrice Sarchapone, Maria Marsala, Roger Stern, Karen O'Brien, Phil Scherer, Milly Reistad, Pat Boyle, Steve Cerame, Diane Kerl, Family of Sandy Romano, Ruth Lundy, Dot Coy, Don Coy, Joshua Suzuki, Allison Lauer and Stanley Lieberman.

Please let us know if you are in need of prayer.

The Word In Season devotionals for July, August and September 2025 are available on the foyer table.

Please note: All checks should be made out to Redeemer-St. John's and Our Saviour's Lutheran Church until Grace Lutheran Church becomes the official legal name.



Eternal Candle and Altar Flowers:

It is \$10 per week to sponsor the Eternal Candle and \$40 per floral arrangement for the altar.

My Favorite Things Concert: Sunday September 7, 2025 at 5 pm

You're invited to join us for an unforgettable evening of music and community at RJS/OS Church. Enjoy performances by four of our beloved choir singers and our gifted organist. Stay after for a Wine and Cheese reception. Please see flyer in the narthex on the bulletin board.

Rally Sunday ~ God's Work. Our Hands. – September 28th at 10:30 am

We will be inviting all RSJ and Our Saviour Nursery School kids and families to join us for our 10:30 am Sunday service, where we will be offering a special blessing for the girls and boys and for all of our amazing teachers and staff. Then, at 11:30 am everyone – including kids, families, and friends – are invited to join us for a BBQ.

Social Ministry:

➤ SCHOOL KITS IS THE JULY AND AUGUST CAMPAIGN

Join us in our collection for items to fill the School Kit bags during July and August with completed bags due Sunday September 1. The empty bags are waiting to be filled and are on the table in the back of the church. Please see list of items on table by the bags. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROSITY.

NOTE

- *You don't need to shop for the items below. Just give a donation and someone will shop for you. Money donated will go toward buying the items. Make check out to RSJ/OS and on memo line for School Kits.*

Virtual Bible Study – Hybrid Bible Study – We will begin reading and discussing **The End Is the Beginning: Revelation, Hope, and the Love That Lit the Stars** by Matthew Ian Fleming starting this Wednesday at 11:00 AM. Join us in person at the church or online via Zoom as we explore the Book of Revelation through the lens of hope, love, and renewal. All are welcome—come grow with us!

Sunday School – Will resume in September 2025. Have a great summer.

Confirmation Class Starts This September

Rooted in Word. Centered in Christ.

Youth in grades 5–9 is invited to join this year's Confirmation Class at Grace Lutheran Church. Classes meet in person every Wednesday at 4:30 PM, starting in September, at **939 83rd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11228**.

This is a time of formation in faith, guided by Scripture, the Catechism, and the life of the Church. **Sunday worship at 10:30 AM is required.**

Contact **Pastor Khader at 718-833-7700** for more information.

Weekly Events at Redeemer-St. John's – 8/10/25 to 8/17/25

Sundays	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Coffee Hour
	12:00 pm	Salam Church Service
	1:30 pm	Greek Apostolic Church Service

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