

**Redeemer Lutheran Church
San Antonio, Texas**

**August 23, 2026
Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Divine Service Setting 4: Pgs. 203-212**

NOTES: Please place your attendance cards and offering in the plate located by the narthex. Offerings will not be collected by passing plates, they will be brought forward before singing the message hymn. There is no specified seating. We offer large print copies of the liturgy. Masks are not required, but you can wear one at your own discretion.

For Holy Communion we offer gluten-free wafers and non-alcoholic white grape juice.

Prelude

Opening Hymn:

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” – LSB # 802

Service of the Word: Pg. 204

The First Reading: Psalm 138

¹ I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise; ² I bow down toward
your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your
steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have
exalted above all things your name and your word. ³ On
the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul
you increased. ⁴ All the kings of the earth shall give you
thanks, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your

mouth, ⁵ and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord. ⁶ For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar. ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me. ⁸ The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading: Exodus 20:22-25; Romans 11:33-12:8

²² And the Lord said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the people of Israel: ‘You have seen for yourselves that I have talked with you from heaven. ²³ You shall not make gods of silver to be with me, nor shall you make for yourselves gods of gold. ²⁴ An altar of earth you shall make for me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep and your oxen. In every place where I cause my name to be remembered I will come to you and bless you. ²⁵ If you make me an altar of stone, you shall not build it of hewn stones, for if you wield your tool on it you profane it.’”

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and

knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! ³⁴“For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” ³⁵“Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” ³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse: Pg. 205**The Gospel Reading:** Luke 7:36-50 (Amplified Bible)**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 7th chapter.**Congregation:** Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁶ One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and He went into the Pharisee's house [in the region of Galilee] and reclined at the table. ³⁷ Now there was a woman in the city who was [known as] a sinner; and when she found out that He was reclining at the table in the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster vial of perfume; ³⁸ and standing behind Him at His feet, weeping, she began wetting His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head, and [respectfully] kissed His feet [as an act signifying both affection and submission] and anointed them with the perfume.

³⁹ Now when [Simon] the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he said to himself, "If this Man were a prophet He would know who and what sort of woman this is who is touching Him, that she is a [notorious] sinner [an outcast, devoted to sin]." ⁴⁰ Jesus, answering, said to the Pharisee, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he replied, "Teacher, say it." ⁴¹ "A certain moneylender had two debtors: one owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² When they had no means of repaying [the debts], he freely forgave them both. So which of them will love him more?"

⁴³ Simon answered, "The one, I take it, for whom he

forgave more.” Jesus said to him, “You have decided correctly.” ⁴⁴ Then turning toward the woman, He said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I came into your house [but you failed to extend to Me the usual courtesies shown to a guest]; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has wet My feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair [demonstrating her love]. ⁴⁵ You gave Me no [welcoming] kiss, but from the moment I came in, she has not ceased to kiss My feet. ⁴⁶ You did not [even] anoint My head with [ordinary] oil, but she has anointed My feet with [costly and rare] perfume. ⁴⁷ Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much; but he who is forgiven little, loves little.” ⁴⁸ Then He said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” ⁴⁹ Those who were reclining at the table with Him began saying among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?” ⁵⁰ Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith [in Me] has saved you; go in peace [free from the distress experienced because of sin].”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed: Pg. 206

Presentation of Offering

Message Hymn:

“O Savior, Precious Savior” – LSB # 527

The Message: Confession and Absolution, Pg. 203
“Dead to sin, alive in Christ”

Prayer of the Church: Pg. 207
(**Pastor:** Lord, in your mercy,)
(**Congregation:** Hear our prayer.)

Service of the Sacrament: Pg. 208

Pre-Communion Hymn:
“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful” – LSB # 955

Holy Communion:

Jesus is the sacrifice; the High Priest; and the Host of this new Passover meal. He meets you in the bread and wine in which He says they are His body and blood. In this mystery He brings healing for the repentant who broken in sin will find a new life in hope, grace, forgiveness, and sacrificial love. All who believe this, and are baptized, who hunger and thirst for His righteousness, receive such gifts.

Please come up single file in the center aisle. Pastor will distribute both the bread and wine, prompting you for each element. We have gluten-free wafers available, and we have non-alcoholic white grape juice in the center of the tray. After you are dismissed, please return down the side aisle(s).

The Benediction:

Closing Hymn:

“From All that Dwell Below the Skies” – LSB # 816

Announcements:

Postlude

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