

I AM THE VINE



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ALTAR GUILD: Lisa Myers and Ericka Jones

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. To you, O God,
**all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our
sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your
ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your
goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death
and resurrection of +Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of
mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

OPENING SONG

"Beautiful Savior"

Red Book page 838

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Brittany Wilson

God of grace, **you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise.** Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 16: 9-15

Amy Nyren and Janet Gabone

A: 9 During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." **10** When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

J: 11 We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, **12** and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. **13** On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there.

A: 14 A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. **The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly** to what was said by Paul. **15** When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 67

Janet Gabone

- 1** May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
2 that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.
3 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.
5 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
6 The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.
7 May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere the Creator.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Amazing Grace”

Red Book 779 vs. 1

GOSPEL READING

John 15: 1 – 17

Amy Nyren and Janet Gabone

A: The Good News of Jesus Christ as written in the Book of John, Chapter 15,
verses 1 – 17

Glory to you, O Lord.

A: [Jesus said to his disciples just before his arrest]: **15** “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. **2** He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. **Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.** **3** You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. **4** Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it

abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. **5 I am the vine; you are the branches.** Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

J: 6 Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. **7** If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. **8** My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. **9 As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. 10** If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. **11** I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

A: 12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. **13** No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. **14** You are my friends if you do what I command you. **15** I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but **I have called you friends,** because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. **16 You did not choose me, but I chose you.** And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. **17** I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

"Looking for Fruit Buds"

Reverend Jon Jacobs

SERMON SONG

“Be Thou My Vision”

Red Book page 793

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

OFFERING PRAYER

Brittany Wilson

Gracious God,
**On my own
what I have to give
doesn't amount to much
in light of all you have given to me
and in the face of so much need.**

Put together as a congregation,
what we offer you here in love
becomes more,
not simply added together,
but somehow multiplied in its usefulness.

We ask you to bless our gifts
and with the addition of your blessing,
just as it was with the loaves and fishes,
there will be enough for all. Amen.

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

Presider's Prayer

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. God, you are our Holy Parent, our Mother . . .

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.

Invitation

COMMUNION SONG

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Brittany Wilson

We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

God, the Source of glory,
God, the Word of life,
God, the Spirit of truth
†bless you all, now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG “Just A Closer Walk With Thee” *Red Book page 697*

DISMISSAL Go forward in peace. Jesus walks with you! **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

CONNECT WITH US



Visitors, please scan this QR code to share your contact information with Redeemer Staff.

Members, please scan this QR code to update your contact information in the directory.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The church office is open, Monday, 10 – 1 and Tuesday – Thursday, 9 – 1. Call 414-933-7004, or email admin@redeermilwaukee.org to set up an appointment with the pastor.

Lunch at Olga's is served Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Alex at operations@olgaws.com.

CHURCH OFFICE

- We will be closed on Monday, May 26, due to Memorial Day.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- We are looking for more volunteers to help with Altar Guild, ushering, livestreaming, reading and being a liturgical assistant. If you are interested, please email Dar at admin@redeermilwaukee.org

REDEEMER CHOIR

- The Choir will be taking a small Summer hiatus.

DONATIONS TO FIDELITY

- If you do stock donations to Fidelity, please make sure you alert Lisa Walter @ lwalter@hilkerassociates.com. She needs the date, the amount and the name of the stock.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY – MAY 30 – 31, 2025

- Many thanks to Pastor Lisa, Mary Beth Huizinga and Brittany Wilson for representing us at this year's event. This year's event will be held at the Brookfield Conference Center.

PRESENTATION BY REV. KHADER EL-YATEEM – SUNDAY, JUNE 1 AT REDEEMER – 2PM

- Join us for a conversation with Rev. Khader El-Yateem.