

# WORLD BEE SUNDAY



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LUTHERAN CHURCH  
May 15th, 2022, 10:00a.m.  
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## **ORIGIN AND PURPOSE OF WORLD BEE DAY, MAY 20<sup>th</sup>**

Bees and other pollinators, such as butterflies, bats and hummingbirds, are increasingly under threat from human activities.

Pollination is, however, a fundamental process for the survival of our ecosystems. Nearly 90% of the world's wild flowering plant species depend, entirely, or at least in part, on animal pollination, along with more than 75% of the world's food crops and 35% of global agricultural land. Not only do pollinators contribute directly to food security, but they are key to conserving biodiversity.

To raise awareness of the importance of pollinators, the threats they face and their contribution to sustainable development, the UN designated 20 May as World Bee Day.

The goal is to strengthen measures aimed at protecting bees and other pollinators, which would significantly contribute to solving problems related to the global food supply and eliminate hunger in developing countries.

**PRELUDE:** "The Sun Never Says" by Dan Forrest    *Chant Claire Chamber Choir*

## **WELCOME AND INVOCATION**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

All creatures, worship God most high! Sound every voice in earth and sky!

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Sing, brother sun in splendor bright; Sing sister moon and stars of night!

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain: you grow the gifts of fruit and grain!

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Dear mother earth, so rich in care, praise God in colors bright and rare!

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

All creatures, bless the Father, Son; and Holy Spirit, Three in One!

**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!**

# OPENING SONG: "Sing Out, Earth and Skies"

Leader All

1 Come, O God of all the earth: come to us, O  
 2 Come, O God of wind and flame: fill the earth with  
 3 Come, O God of flash - ing light: twin - kling star and  
 4 Come, O God of snow and rain: show - er down up -  
 5 Come, O Jus - tice, come, O Peace: come and shape our

Leader

Righ - teous One; come, and bring our love to birth:  
 righ - teous - ness; teach us all to sing your name:  
 burn - ing sun; God of day and God of night:  
 on the earth; come, O God of joy and pain:  
 hearts a - new; come and make op - pres - sion cease:

All

in the glo - ry of your Son.  
 may our lives - your love con - fess.  
 in your light we all are one.  
 God of sor - row, God of mirth.  
 bring us all to life in you.

*Refrain*

Sing out, earth and skies! Sing of the God who

loves you! Raise your joy - ful cries!

Dance to the life a - round you!

**FIRST READING:** Proverbs 16:21-24

*Gloria Roschke*

- <sup>21</sup> The wise of heart is called perceptive,  
and pleasant speech increases persuasiveness.
- <sup>22</sup> Wisdom is a fountain of life to one who has it,  
but folly is the punishment of fools.
- <sup>23</sup> The mind of the wise makes their speech judicious,  
and adds persuasiveness to their lips.
- <sup>24</sup> Pleasant words are like a honeycomb,  
sweetness to the soul and health to the body.

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

**PSALM 19:** “Lord, You Have the Words”

*Refrain: (♩ = ca. 76) 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All*

Lord, you have the words of ev - er - last - ing life. *Fine*

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul;  
The decree of the Lord is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.
2. The precepts of the Lord are right rejoicing in the heart;  
The command of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eye.
3. The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;  
The ordinances of the Lord are true, all of them just.
4. They are more precious than gold, than a heap of purest gold;  
Sweeter also than syrup or honey from the comb.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** “Theres a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in this Place”

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,  
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;  
There are sweet expressions on each face,  
And I know they feel the [Gospel] of the Lord.

**GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 13: 1-11; 15a; 18-23      *Rev. Lisa Bates-Froiland*

The Gospel for World Bee Sunday is found in the book of Matthew, the thirteenth chapter: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**13** That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. <sup>2</sup> Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. <sup>3</sup> Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. <sup>4</sup> As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. <sup>5</sup> Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. <sup>8</sup> Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. <sup>9</sup> Whoever has ears, let them hear.”

<sup>10</sup> The disciples came to him and asked, “Why do you speak to the people in parables?”

<sup>11</sup> He replied, “Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them.”

**15** For this people’s heart has become calloused[.] <sup>18</sup> “Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: <sup>19</sup> When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. <sup>20</sup> The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. <sup>21</sup> But since they have no root, they last only a short

time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. <sup>22</sup> The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. <sup>23</sup> But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

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

**GOSPEL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:** “Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil”

Red Book 512

**SERMON:** “Commitment, Connection, and Adaptation” *Rev. Lisa Bates-Froiland*

**SERMON SONG:** “Let’s Get Together” By Chet Powers

*Prayer hexagons are collected*

**PRAYER FOR WORLD BEE SUNDAY**

*the Roschke family*

God, creator of all living things, you fashioned a world in which land, water, plants and animals interconnect with needs and gifts that, when balanced, make life sustainable and abundant. We pray that such vitality would flourish around the globe.

When suffering and hardship occurs because of rapidly changing climate, open generous hearts to receive with holy hospitality all who must find new homes and establish new lives in places unfamiliar to them.

Bless those who work the soil and manage animals. Preserve the safety of rural towns and villages, and use us to build an economy that sustains all who treasure the farming life. Inspire us to nurture bees and other pollinators by adapting our practices for lawns and gardens.

Create in us such a sense of wonder and delight in this and all your gifts that we receive them with gratitude, care for them with wisdom and love, and share them with all your creatures, to the honor and glory of your holy name. **Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE PEACE IS SHARED

### OFFERING

OFFERING SONG: “For the Beauty of the Earth” by John Rutter

*Chant Claire Chamber Choir*

### PRAYER AFTER OFFERING

**LA:** Gracious God, **all that we have, and all that we are, come from You. Accept these gifts as an expression of our faith and trust, to be used for the care of all in need. Amen.**

### PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.**

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares the mystery and majesty of your creation: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell of the honeycomb; with every creature’s breath. **We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness as you delivered them through waters and wilderness; from exile, drought, tyranny and war. **We praise you, O God.**

We give thanks for the gift of Jesus the Christ: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor and poor in spirit; with us now. **We thank you, O God.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith. **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout creation. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your holy church, **Amen.**

## 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.**

## INVITATION

**COMMUNION SONG:** "Taste and See"

Red Book 493

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

## SUNG BLESSING

The Lord bless you... and Keep you.  
May his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.  
Amen.

## CLOSING SONG: "Canticle of the Sun"

Refrain

The heav-ens are tell-ing the glo-ry of God, and  
all cre-a-tion is shout-ing for joy. Come,  
dance in the for-est, come, play in the field, and sing,  
sing to the glo-ry of the Lord.

The image shows a musical score for the 'Canticle of the Sun' in G major (one sharp) and 3/8 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'The heav-ens are tell-ing the glo-ry of God, and'. The second staff contains 'all cre-a-tion is shout-ing for joy. Come,'. The third staff contains 'dance in the for-est, come, play in the field, and sing,'. The fourth staff contains 'sing to the glo-ry of the Lord.' The music is written in a simple, melodic style suitable for children's singing.

1. Sing to the sun, the bringer of day, He carries the light of the lord in his rays; the moon and stars who light up the way unto Your throne.
2. Sing to the earth who makes life grow, the creature you made to let your life show; the flowers and trees that help us to know the heart of love.
3. Praise for the bees who show us the way, to live on earth with beauty and grace; they pollinate flowers so don't mow in may, the live as one.

**DISMISSAL:** Go in Peace; pollinate the spirit of abundance! **Thanks BEE to God.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SAVE THE DATE

- **June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm:** Redeemer hosts the Greater Milwaukee Synod RIC Pride worship!

## FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Redeemer's Food Pantry is in need of volunteers for the rest of May. Shifts are from 10:30am-12:00pm or 12:00pm to 1:15pm. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Joan Jacobs at [jacobsje49@gmail.com](mailto:jacobsje49@gmail.com).

## NOON RUN SUMMER SANDWICH BRIGADE

- As the Marquette students begin their summer break, we are in need of volunteers to help provide and serve soup and sandwiches on Sundays from 12:00pm-1:00pm throughout the summer. If you are interested, please contact Alex at [admin@redeermilwaukee.org](mailto:admin@redeermilwaukee.org) or 414-933-7004.

## PERSONAL HYGEINE PRODUCTS AND SHOPPING CARTS NEEDED

- The Food Pantry is in need of personal hygiene products (deodorant, soap, tooth brushes/paste, etc.). Donations can be dropped in the box in the Narthex or in the office. Thank you for your kindness!
- We are also seeking monetary donations to purchase shopping carts; each shopping cart costs \$50. If you'd like to donate a check or cash, please make sure to note that it is for "shopping carts."

## REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

- The Redeemer interest group is being led by Abby Schumwinger, [abbyschumwinger@gmail.com](mailto:abbyschumwinger@gmail.com) or 414-217-4904.

- Inquiries re: co-sponsoring Afghan families can also be made directly to Lutheran Social Services at [church.relations@lsswis.org](mailto:church.relations@lsswis.org).

## MEAL TRAIN FOR MEREDITH SIPE-SUMNER

- In November 2021 Meredith was diagnosed stage 3 breast cancer. While she recovers, she has asked our church, family and friends to help with meals. If you would like to sign up to send a meal, please go to the following link: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/6de54d>. Questions? Please email [megan.wesenberg222@gmail.com](mailto:megan.wesenberg222@gmail.com).

## NAMI GROUPS

- **The Journey Support Group** for women who live with PTSD or C-PTSD will meet from 1:00pm-2:30 on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month beginning April 12<sup>th</sup> at Redeemer in the library.
  - Registration: Call 414-326-3454 or email [theresa@namisoutheastwi.org](mailto:theresa@namisoutheastwi.org)
- **Family-to-Family** is a free, 8-session educational program for family, significant others and friends of people with mental health conditions. It is a designated evidenced-based program. The group will meet at Redeemer Wednesdays starting April 13<sup>th</sup>-June 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:00-8:30pm.
  - Registration: email [sschoenmarklin@namisoutheastwi.org](mailto:sschoenmarklin@namisoutheastwi.org) or call 414-581-3746