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PREACHER/PRESIDER: Pastor Heidi Borkenhagen

LITURGICAL ASSISTANT: Lisa Reinhardt

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COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Finn Wellhausen and Stella Reinhardt

ALTAR GUILD: The Walker Family

USHERS/GREETER: Dorothy Zeidler, Jacob Habeck and Sean Holub

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Heidi Borkenhagen

(stand)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God, we confess that we do not always understand your ways.
We are easily discouraged when life takes unexpected turns
and our carefully laid plans and dreams don't go the way we hoped.

**We confess that we are quick to give up when things get difficult,
and quick to question your presence and your power.**

Forgive us.

Grant us patience to wait for your good timing.

**Open our eyes to recognize your leading in our lives—
to listen for your gentle whisper when we least expect it.**

**And then give us courage to step out in faith and obedience,
trusting in your leading, even when we cannot see the outcome.**

We praise you for your faithful love, for the forgiveness and grace that abounds
because of + Jesus, and we pray that you would fill us with your peace.

Amen.

OPENING SONG

"God is Here"

Red Book 526

OPENING PRAYER

Lisa Reinhardt

God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**
(sit)

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19: 9 – 18

Kari Wellhausen

⁹At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

¹¹He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” **Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake,** ¹²**and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.** ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. **Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”** ¹⁴He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵Then the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever

escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

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

PSALM 85

“Lord, Let Us See Your Kindness”

Marty Haugen

Refrain



Lord, let us see your kind-ness; Lord, let us see your kind-ness.

Verses

1. Let us hear what our God proclaims: Peace to the people of God, salvation is near to the ones who fear God.
2. Kindness and truth, justice and peace;
truth shall spring up as the water from the earth,
justice shall rain from the heavens.
3. The Lord will come and you shall know his love,
justice shall walk in his pathways, salvation the gift that he brings.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(stand)

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

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Mark Sedio

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -

- le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -

lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 14: 22 – 33

Pastor Heidi Borkenhagen

The Good News of Jesus Christ as written in the Gospel of Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²²Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³**And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray.** When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land,^[a] for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came

walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" **And they cried out in fear.** ²⁷**But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."**

²⁸Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰**But when he noticed the strong wind, [b] he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"** ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²**When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.** ³³**And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."**

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

SERMON

Pastor Heidi Borkenhagen

SERMON SONG

"Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult"
(prayer squares collected)

Red Book 696

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

"Hear Our Prayer"
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Paul Andress



SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

"His Eye is On the Sparrow"

Charles H. Gabriel

Duet – Miriam Larsen and Lisa Galloway

OFFERING PRAYER

Lisa Reinhardt

Gracious God, you call us to let go of the things we cling to
and step out in faith, trusting in your love and provision.

Give us courage to step out boldly,
and sufficient faith to follow without fear.

Take our lives, our gifts, our offerings. Use them to accomplish more than we
could possibly imagine, so that, through us, your kingdom might come and your
will be done on earth as it is in heaven. **Amen.**

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

Pastor Heidi Borkenhagen

"Here Is Bread"

Red Book 483 vs 1 and refrain

Presider's Prayer

Reprise "Here Is Bread"
(stand)

vs 3 and refrain

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 and . . .

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
(sit)

COMMUNION SONG

"When Peace like a River"

Red Book 785

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lisa Reinhardt

We thank you, God of heaven and earth,
that you fill our deepest need
with the very gift of Jesus Christ,
broken and poured out for us.
Pour us out into a broken world.
Channel our common life
toward the common good,
following the way our Savior leads us
now and forever. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

(stand)

The Author of life,
the Word of salvation,
the Breath of new birth,
+ one God, bless you
and equip you for living and serving,
today and every day. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"

Red Book 538

DISMISSAL Go now in peace. May our faith be strong through Your Word!
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

BIBLE STUDY – MONDAY

- We will be meeting in the Gathering Space going forward. To prepare, we will be looking at **Matthew 15: (10 – 20), 21 – 28.**

LUNCH AT OLGA'S

- **We are in need of servers throughout Summer** for the Olga Sunday Meal hosted at Redeemer. We need at least 12 people. If you can volunteer individually, as a family or as a small group, please sign up at olganws.com/volunteer.

SIGN UP GENIUS FOR WORSHIP LEADERS

- Please use the link or QR barcode to sign up to be a worship leader. You can sign up to be the liturgical assistant, reader and communion assistant. September and October dates out there now.
- [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44AAA82CA2FCC34-64339932-worship#/
worship#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44AAA82CA2FCC34-64339932-worship#/)



OUTREACH FOR HOPE – RIDE, RUN, WALK 2026

- This year's Ride, Run, Walk is being held on Saturday, September 26, starting at 8:30 AM. There are four sites you can participate at:
 - Grafton: Meets at Grace Lutheran Church
 - Kenosha: Meets at Petrifying Springs Park
 - Milwaukee: Meets at Washing Park (no bike rides at this site)
 - Waukesha: Meets at Fox River Sanctuary
- For more information, go to OFHRRW.org or contact Brittany Wilson who is our ambassador this year. There is also information in the narthex.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF REDEEMER?

- We welcome all people who are involved in the worship and life of Redeemer to consider becoming an official member of this faith community.
- Becoming a member doesn't mean you have to make a pledge or be housed. Being a member here simply means you want Redeemer to be your spiritual home, that you worship here and support the ministry in whatever way you can—whether that is your time, your prayers, or financial contributions. Here, all are welcome and encouraged to be a part of this ministry.
- Pastor Heidi will be holding a gathering downstairs in the Mission Partner Space on **Sunday, September 13th** following worship. She will give a little background on this congregation and what it means that we are a "Lutheran" church. It will also be a time to ask questions and get to know other prospective members.
- On **Sunday, September 20th** we will have a brief part of the service to welcome the New Members.
- *If you can't make these days but are still interested, please reach out to Pastor Heidi.*