

Redeemer REVIEW



REDEEMER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD CHICO, CALIFORNIA JUL/AUG 2025 Vol. 39 No. 04

from the Pastor...

Rev. Brennan DeForest

Dear Saints of Redeemer,

I do not have perfect pitch. You've probably known that since the very first Divine Service I conducted at my installation. I do know how to read music, though, and so I use that to my advantage when chanting parts of the Divine Service and when singing hymns. Still, when I sing a wrong note or when my voice is just off as happens on some Sundays, some of you may wonder, why even chant the Divine Service at all? Why not just speak the liturgy, each and every week? The amazing thing is that music, whether it's the singing of a hymn, canticle, or song or the chanting of a liturgical element, activates more areas of our brain and helps us to better remember things. For proof of this, consider how you feel after hearing a specific song or hymn versus if you just read the words or lyrics to that musical piece. Consider why movies and tv shows feature background music during intense or climatic scenes. And consider how many songs you possibly learned in school (or Sunday school) to help you remember key facts or items (School House Rock, anyone? Sing the Faith songs for memorizing the catechism?). And so, because God wants to so completely fill you with His presence and deliver to you His gifts in the worship service, we will continue singing and chanting the liturgy, even if my chanting abilities may only be functional most of the time.

For most of the liturgical elements, I just follow the notes provided in the hymnal (or the big book sitting on the altar in the case of the proper preface) to know how to chant them. But what about the Collect of the Day and the Post Communion Collect? Those notes aren't provided in the hymnal (nor in the altar book, in case you were wondering). In case you've ever wondered, or if you've noticed how I chant those prayers, I follow a high-low-high pattern. The address and rationale of the prayer are chanted in higher notes, the request is chanted in lower notes, and then the closing is chanted again in higher notes. So to illustrate using a common prayer, one of the post-communion collects, the address ("we give thanks to You, almighty God,") and rationale ("that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift,") are



chanted using higher notes, the request ("and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another;") is chanted using lower notes in order to get our attention regarding what we are actually praying for, and the closing ("through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.") returns to the higher notes to be chanted since it is a return to the things of God as in the address and rationale.

I've never been asked why I chant the prayers the way that I do, but it fits the theme of this newsletter article about chanting, hence why I took the time to explain it. I have, however, been asked about the statements before and after the Gospel reading ("The Holy Gospel according to St. _____, the ___ chapter"... "This is the Gospel of the Lord.") and why I don't chant these liturgical elements, even though you, the congregation, chant the responses to these statements. Once again, the notes for how to chant these statements are not included in the hymnal, nor are they included in the lectionary book from which I read. I have seen notes printed elsewhere for those statements, but I am not confident in my chanting of them, hence why I always speak those statements before and after the Gospel reading, even when you chant your response. Perhaps one day, with enough practice, I will feel confident chanting those liturgical statements, but until then, God is still pleased that they are spoken, since whether they are spoken or chanted, they declare the truth of the Gospel reading.

The amount of chanting that we do varies depending on which Divine Service setting we are using. Divine Service Setting 4 features no additional chanting beyond the Introit, Gradual, and other common elements like the Kyrie and Sanctus. Divine Service Setting 3, on the other hand, indicates that nearly everything is chanted, including the Words of Institution. In that setting we could even chant the Lord's Prayer, though I have us speak it all together since not everyone knows how to chant the Lord's

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DIGITAL DAILY DEVOTIONS

Lutheran Hour Ministries: <https://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions>

Higher Things: <https://higherthings.org/content/#reflections>

Portals of Prayer: <https://www.l.cph.org/portals/default.aspx>

LUTHERAN PUBLIC RADIO

Listen to good Lutheran radio programs at Lutheran Public Radio, Issues Etc., KFUO, St. Louis. 94.3 The Bridge.

PASTOR'S SERMONS

KKXX.net - Tunein.com KKXX 930 AM, 103.9 FM
Saturday & Sunday 1:00 & 5:00 PM

THE LUTHERAN HOUR
KKXX.net - Tunein.com KKXX 930 AM, 103.9 FM
Saturday & Sunday 1:30 PM

BIBLE STUDIES



Children's Sunday School is 8:45 a.m.
Adult Sunday Bible class is 8:45 a.m.
Thursday Bible Study is 9:30 a.m.

REDEEMER FINANCIAL SUMMARY

CHURCH INCOME/EXPENSE – ACTUAL:

January 1 - May 31, 2025

OFFERING INCOME	69,357.42
SCHOOL LEASE (5%) GENERAL FUND	1,909.60
REDEEMER HOUSE INCOME	8,250.00
FACILITY USE INCOME	380.00
INTEREST INCOME	<u>1,712.68</u>
TOTAL INCOME	81,609.70
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>90,634.95</u>
NET INCOME	-9,025.25
RETAINED EARNINGS	<u>98,814.34</u>
CURRENT BALANCE	89,789.09

See the Office Manager for more information.



Submit prayer requests to Pastor by email, text, voice mail, or in writing, using the form in the pew rack. pastorbd4est@gmail.com

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BIRTHDAYS

JULY

- 09 RACHAEL THOMASON
- 12 ROBERT ENGELKEN
- 15 LINDSEY ALLEN
- 16 DONNA RAMEY
- 18 ISABELLA MAGUIRE
- 22 LOUISE URNESS
- 24 ALEXIS WERNER
- 25 ROLAND LOFINK
- 26 CAROLINE ZIEGLER

AUGUST

- 03 CANDACE THURMAN
- 04 TIMOTHY WENSLAFF
- 07 RANDY SIEMENS
- 08 MICHAEL HOFFIE
- 11 DIANE SCOTT
- 11 LUKE THOMASON
- 11 DIANNE WILKINSON
- 13 BONNIE HUNT
- 14 BRIAN MARSHALL
- 17 MATTHEW THOMASON
- 19 RYAN GODSIL
- 19 JANET JOKSCH
- 19 JEANIE SAWYER
- 21 REBECCA BERGENDAHL
- 21 MEGAN GODSIL
- 23 SHERRY GODSIL
- 25 SONYA BROWN
- 25 WALTER GODSIL



BAPTISMS

JULY

- 00 DR. NORMAN McCANN
- 14 DUSTIN SIEMENS

AUGUST

- 01 BRUCE HOLDERBEIN
- 02 ROBERT ENGELKEN
- 08 ROLAND LOFINK
- 09 LACEY VANDERMATE
- 11 BERYL COTTER
- 13 BONNIE HUNT
- 16 ALEXIS WERNER
- 21 KARL WEINREICH
- 24 DIANNE WILKINSON
- 25 SONYA BROWN
- 30 CAROLINE ZIEGLER
- 30 AMANDA SIEMENS
- 31 JANET JOKSCH

Deadline

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FROM THE PASTOR...CONTINUED

Prayer. And Settings 1 and 2 both feature a mix of chanting some elements and speaking others. Maybe you have your favorite Divine Service setting. Truthfully, I don't have a favorite, and so I rotate through them on a seasonal basis. Three to four months on one and then we move on to another. So if it seems like it's been awhile since we've done your favorite Divine Service setting, just keep waiting and it will come around again.

Hopefully this answers all your questions and more about chanting. And along those lines, thank you for your patience regarding my own chanting abilities. I may not be perfect, but I take great joy in leading you in the Divine Service each and every week, including in the chanted elements.

Until next time, the Lord be with you!

~Pastor DeForest

SAVE THE DATE

WRC's Annual Fall Banquet
"Bountiful Blessings" Psalm 65:11
Featuring Guest Speaker
Scott Klusendorf

October 17, 2025

ASLEEP IN JESUS

HILDEGARDE HELEN JOHNSON



MAY 7, 1925 - MAY 3, 2025

BAPTISMS



EVAN AUSTIN
ASHWORTH

BORN
JANUARY 13,
2025
BAPTIZED
FEBRUARY 2,
2025

JASPER
THOMAS
DEFOREST

BORN JUNE 4,
2025
BAPTIZED JUNE
8, 2025



CONFIRMATION

LOTANNA ONWUAZOMBE



MAY 18, 2025

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



Lutheran Women's Missionary League supports many mission projects within the district of California, Nevada, and Hawaii and nationwide. The mite box is one way of collecting donations to support these projects.

Presently, Grant # 11 has been funded in the amount of \$5,000. St. Paul Lutheran Ministries in Merced are the recipients. St. Paul Lutheran School aims to enhance the spiritual education of their students by beginning a project to provide the students with Bibles, Bible curriculum and confirmation materials and offering some scholarships to the school. By providing these resources, they hope to give these students the chance to receive a quality education grounded in Christian principles which will further God's ministry.



Men, women and children are urged to use one of these mite boxes found in narthex of our church. We thank all who are

contributing. The first Sunday of the month is designated as mite box Sunday but depositing offerings any Sunday is most appreciated. Blessings to you all for serving our Lord in this manner.

MEN'S MONTHLY MEETING

Redeemer's Men meet monthly for the 2nd Saturday-of-the-month breakfasts and dinners! Check the weekly church bulletin for updates on where and when!

LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch meets monthly, usually the 4th Tuesday of the month, usually in Kozy Diner's back room! All are welcome!!

100TH ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

Redeemed in Christ!

This is the theme of our 100th Anniversary Year Celebration! **Exciting!!**

Planning Committee members have been meeting for over a year! We are getting down to the details! All will take place on October 11th & 12th, right here, at Redeemer! And invite friends!

Reserve these calendar dates:

Saturday, October 11th, late afternoon - special church service, catered dinner and celebration!

Sunday, October 12th - the 100th Anniversary church service and refreshments afterwards!

We have been **Redeemed in Christ!!** Redeemer Lutheran has shared that message for **100 years!!**

Grateful to be His servants!

We give glory to God for Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church 100th Anniversary



Join us for an anniversary celebration

October 11 - 12, 2025

Formal Invitation to follow
Contact the church office for more information
(530) 342-6085
redeemerchicooffice@gmail.com

2025 QUARTERLY MISSIONS

- 1Q Redeemer Charity Fund; Faith Lutheran Church, Ukiah, California
- 2Q Missionary Dennis Meeker, Kenya; Missionary Daniel Conrad, Latin America; Pamela Boehle-Silva, Always Mercy Kenya
- 3Q Lutheran Heritage Foundation; Luther Classical College, Casper, Wyoming; St. Mark Lutheran Church, Ferndale, CA
- 4Q Women's Resource Clinic; KKXX Sermons; The Lutheran Hour; Issues, Etc

DISTRICT CONVENTION

CONGREGATIONAL PRESIDENT UPDATE



On May 15-17, Pastor DeForest and Lay Delegate Jacy Krogh represented Redeemer at the California-Nevada-Hawaii District Convention in Sacramento. The convention started with a welcome dinner and Divine Service at St. Matthew's in Rocklin. Synod President Rev. Matthew Harrison delivered the message at the service and kicked off the convention.

Friday was down to business with a report from the District President and a video series about the convention theme of "Fruitful Branches – Pruned for Growth." With viticultural references throughout, the message was tied to scripture that we are the buds that are grafted to the vine which is Christ. The parallels continued that God pruned Christ - who suffered for our salvation and that we are now cut from the old and grafted into the new. God has prepared us for fruitful growth in our lives and service to His church.

The majority Friday consisted of receiving reports on district business, electing district officers, and overtures from the committees. Saturday wrapped up with additional elections for the district board members, vice presidents, and ratification of the circuit visitors. Pastor Merrick from Our Savior in Paradise was elected as our new circuit visitor. Saturday's business also included voting on four additional overtures, with three being approved. The session concluded with the installation of all newly elected or reelected office holders.

The convention gave us both great opportunities to catch-up with other faithful Lutherans we already knew, and make new connections with others at throughout the district.

More information about the convention, including videos and the overtures and approved resolutions, can be found on the district's website: www.cnh-lcms.org

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

As we are about half way through the year, I thought it would be fitting to write to the membership with some updates and things ahead.

You will see that some of our projects around the property have come to fruition. The first was the replacement of the roof on the Sunday School wing. Our contractor, Schukei Roofing, did good work and our building will be protected from the elements for years to come. The second project underway as I write this is the resurfacing and restriping of the parking areas. Thank you to our Board of Trustees for bidding and overseeing these two important maintenance projects.

I also want to thank our Board of Fellowship for everything that they do to support the congregation. Whether it is the Sunday coffee hour, or a special event, we can always depend on them to take care of whatever needs done. We are blessed to have such a wonderful group that provides selfless service to our members.

Later this year we will convene a Voters' Assembly for congregational business such as the budget and electing officers. I ask that you please pray and consider serving as an officer or on a board. Our Board of Deacons and Board of Trustees, could use some additional faithful members to help administer their very important work. And of course, there is always a need for more servants on Sunday to usher and take part in the Altar Guild. Please feel free to reach out to Pastor, myself or your Deacon if you'd like more information or wish to serve.

If you haven't already, please save the weekend of October 11th and 12th for our 100th Anniversary celebration. The Anniversary Committee is hard at work in planning this event for us to celebrate and give glory to God for the last 100 years and for many years to come. I am truly looking forward to this celebration and honored to be a part of the planning.

In His Service, Jacy Krogh

RECYCLING

Redeemer is no longer accepting recyclables. Members are encouraged to take their CRV bottles and cans to Camacho Recycling, next to Spike's Bottle Shop on East 1st and Village. Hours are 9 to 2 Sundays, 9-4 Monday to Saturday. You may then donate the proceeds to Redeemer if you wish.



THANK YOU!



THE
LUTHERAN CHURCH
MISSOURI SYNOD

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Dear Pastor and Members of Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church,

We want to take a moment to express our heartfelt thanks for your generous gifts for our LCMS Missionary, Vicar Paul Mroczenski, serving in Puerto Rico. Your prayers, encouragement, and contributions are a vital part of the work being done on the mission field. Through the work of our Missionaries, lives are being touched, hearts are being transformed, and the Gospel is reaching places throughout the world. May the work of Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church and each member be richly blessed as you continue to serve.

Edie Honaker

Dear Supporter,

February is one of those months that can sometimes be "the calm before the storm" for this ministry because poor decisions made on Valentine's Day many times result in nervous clients in March and April. The simple words, "Will you be my Valentine" are at times, sadly, interpreted to mean "Will you give me what I want--now?". The love of Valentine's Day should be that romantic joy that comes from having a relationship strengthened by commitment and selflessness. Unfortunately, we see those times when this is not the case. Still, when a client comes to see us after the romance is over, we can point her to true love, the love that only comes from Jesus Christ. And you are a key part of this process. Thank you for your gift to this ministry. Because of you, we look forward to offering true love, and true hope, even in the midst of a post-Valentine's Day trial.

Lovingly in Him,

Brenda K. Dowdin
Executive Director

*Thank you,
Brenda*

MISSIONS

Keep up on what's happening with the missionaries we support by reading their newsletters on our website.

[https://www.redeemerchico.org/
New_Website/category/missions-
outreach/](https://www.redeemerchico.org/New_Website/category/missions-outreach/)

Redeemer Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support! I truly appreciate it and am grateful for your desire and efforts to support the Church for the benefit of God's people. I pray you are all well and that the Lord keep you steadfast in His Word. In Christ,
Cory Willweber

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Our Mission Statement

Welcome to Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, a community of believers saved by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

As a people enabled by the Spirit, we are committed to regular worship and the use of the sacraments, studying and teaching the Bible, praying, using our gifts and talents in God's service, for the caring and nurturing of others and sharing the message of God's salvation so that God is glorified and all people may know Jesus as their Savior and Lord.

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