

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 31, 2022

# A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

### Verse 1

A mighty fortress is our God A bulwark never failing Our helper He amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe His craft and pow'r are great And armed with cruel hate On earth is not his equal

### Verse 2

Did we in our own strength confide Our striving would be losing Were not the right Man on our side The Man of God's own choosing Dost ask who that may be Christ Jesus it is He Lord Sabaoth His name From age to age the same And He must win the battle

### Verse 3

And tho' this world with devils filled Should threaten to undo us We will not fear for God hath willed His truth to triumph thru us The prince of darkness grim We tremble not for him His rage we can endure For lo his doom is sure One little word shall fell him

### Verse 4

That word above all earthly pow'rs No thanks to them abideth
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Thru Him who with us sideth
Let goods and kindred go
This mortal life also
The body they may kill
God's truth abideth still
His kingdom is forever

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Celebrant: Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant and People: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Celebrant: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

At this time, children ages three through fifth grade are dismissed for KidConnect.

# Mercies New (Lamentations 3)

Your mercies are new every morning Every morning, let our songs rise to you Your mercies are new every morning; Every morning, let our songs rise to you

Lord you are good
Your love is our portion
We will trust, we will wait for you
Lord you are good
You come to our rescue
We will trust, we will wait for you

When all of our fears rise within us Rise within us, like the rolling waves Then we'll tell the stories of your goodness Of your goodness, you are strong to save

Our hope is in the Lord And we won't be disappointed, we won't be disappointed

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# THE LORD OUR GOD IS GOOD

### Refrain

The Lord our God is good
The Lord our God is good
Full of kindness and compassion
Merciful and just
The Lord our God is good

### Verse 1

Who else knows our deepest pain Bears it as his own Finds us in our naked shame, Clothes and brings us home

### Verse 2

Who takes his inheritance And gives it all away Welcomes guests to feast with him Who never can repay

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your grace that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

# PSALM 37

- <sup>1</sup> Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers!
- <sup>2</sup> For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.
- <sup>3</sup> Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.
- Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.
- <sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.
- <sup>6</sup> He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.
- <sup>7</sup> Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!
- Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath! Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil.
- <sup>9</sup> For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.
- <sup>10</sup> In just a little while, the wicked will be no more; though you look carefully at his place, he will not be there.
- <sup>11</sup> But the meek shall inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant peace.
- <sup>12</sup> The wicked plots against the righteous and gnashes his teeth at him,
- <sup>13</sup> but the Lord laughs at the wicked, for he sees that his day is coming.
- The wicked draw the sword and bend their bows to bring down the poor and needy, to slay those whose way is upright;
- <sup>15</sup> their sword shall enter their own heart, and their bows shall be broken.
- <sup>16</sup> Better is the little that the righteous has than the abundance of many wicked.

- <sup>17</sup> For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, but the Lord upholds the righteous.
- <sup>18</sup> The Lord knows the days of the blameless, and their heritage will remain forever;
- <sup>19</sup> they are not put to shame in evil times; in the days of famine they have abundance.
- <sup>20</sup> But the wicked will perish; the enemies of the Lord are like the glory of the pastures; they vanish—like smoke they vanish away.
- <sup>21</sup> The wicked borrows but does not pay back, but the righteous is generous and gives;
- <sup>22</sup> for those blessed by the Lord shall inherit the land, but those cursed by him shall be cut off.
- <sup>23</sup> The steps of a man are established by the Lord, when he delights in his way;
- 24 though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong, for the Lord upholds his hand.
- <sup>25</sup> I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his children begging for bread.
- <sup>26</sup> He is ever lending generously, and his children become a blessing.
- <sup>27</sup> Turn away from evil and do good; so shall you dwell forever.
- <sup>28</sup> For the Lord loves justice; he will not forsake his saints.

They are preserved forever, but the children of the wicked shall be cut off.

- <sup>29</sup> The righteous shall inherit the land and dwell upon it forever.
- <sup>30</sup> The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks justice.
- 31 The law of his God is in his heart; his steps do not slip.
- 32 The wicked watches for the righteous and seeks to put him to death.
- <sup>33</sup> The Lord will not abandon him to his power or let him be condemned when he is brought to trial.
- Wait for the Lord and keep his way, and he will exalt you to inherit the land; you will look on when the wicked are cut off.
- <sup>35</sup> I have seen a wicked, ruthless man, spreading himself like a green laurel tree.
- <sup>36</sup> But he passed away, and behold, he was no more; though I sought him, he could not be found.
- <sup>37</sup> Mark the blameless and behold the upright, for there is a future for the man of peace.

- <sup>38</sup> But transgressors shall be altogether destroyed; the future of the wicked shall be cut off.
- <sup>39</sup> The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; he is their stronghold in the time of trouble.
- <sup>40</sup> The Lord helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in him.

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

# Colossians 3:5-17

<sup>5</sup> Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. 6 On account of these the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup> In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. <sup>8</sup> But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup> Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

<sup>12</sup> Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup> And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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Reader: The Word of the Lord People: Thanks be to God.

# Alleluia

At the Gospel reading, we stand and the Scripture is read in the midst of the congregation as a way to honor the truth that in Christ God became flesh and dwelt among us.

# Alleluia! Alleluia! Opening our hearts to Him Singing Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus is our King

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People: Glory to you Lord Christ

# Luke 12:13-21

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." <sup>16</sup> And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup> and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup> And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry."' <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup> So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

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Reader: The Gospel of the Lord People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

### SERMON

David Stewart

# THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord, in your mercy People: Hear our prayer.

# Confession of Sin

You may kneel or sit during the prayer of confession

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People: Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word and deed,

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Priest: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Celebrant: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him...

### THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with your spirit.

As we remember the peace that we have been given by God through his forgiveness, we also remember that He has given us the ministry of reconciliation with each other. "The Lord be with you," and the response, "And with your spirit." is a translation of Galatians 6:18 and a form of prayer and blessing. May the peace of the Lord be always with you!

Preschool and Kindergarten-aged children are retrieved from their classes at this time.

### Announcements

# THE OFFERTORY

In order to support the mission of the church financially, you may deposit your gifts in the collection box at the Welcome Table, send checks to Church of the Redeemer, P.O. Box 130965, St. Paul, MN 55113, or if you wish to give online or set up direct deposit from your bank account, please visit https://oftheredeemer.org/give/ using this QR code:



# THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

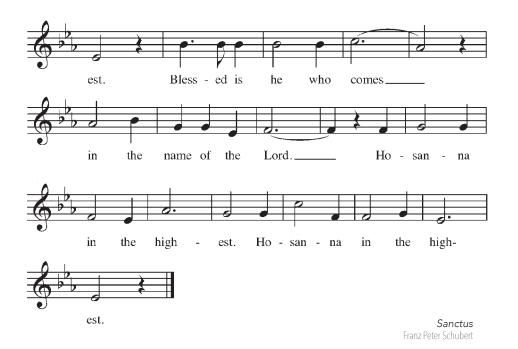
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give

thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:





Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

### Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving...

...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

### Celebrant and People: AMEN.

And now, as our savior Christ has taught us we are bold to pray together,

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.

Celebrant: Allelulia! Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us, once for all upon the cross.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

### Celebrant and People:

We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,

but in your abundant and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,

so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### Directions for Communion

All baptized believers in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Communion. However, if you are not able to receive you may remain seated or come forward for a prayer of blessing from one of our ministers. Please indicate your desire for a prayer of blessing by crossing your arms across your chest.

You will be dismissed to receive by one of our greeters. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Please extend your hand to receive the bread from the minister and then receive either wine (silver tray) or juice (brass tray) from the Communion minister.

If you would like to receive prayer for physical, emotional, or spiritual needs, prayer ministers are available at the rear of the sanctuary to pray with you during our communion worship and for a short time after the service. If others are being prayed for, you may wait in a nearby pew. This time of prayer is private and confidential, and whatever you share with prayer ministers will not be brought up again by them unless you initiate.

# BE STILL MY SOUL (FINLANDIA)

### Verse 1

Be still my soul the Lord is on thy side Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain Leave to thy God to order and provide In ev'ry change He faithful will remain Be still my soul thy best thy heav'nly Friend Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end

### Verse 2

Be still my soul thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past
Thy hope thy confidence let nothing shake
All now mysterious shall be bright at last
Be still my soul the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below

### Verse 3

Be still my soul the hour is hast'ning on When we shall be forever with the Lord When disappointment grief and fear are gone Sorrow forgot love's purest joys restored Be still my soul when change and tears are past All safe and blessed we shall meet at last

### Verse 4

Be still my soul begin the song of praise
On earth believing to thy Lord on high
Acknowledge Him in all thy words and ways
So shall He view thee with a well-pleased eye
Be still my soul the Sun of life divine
Through passing clouds shall but more brightly shine

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# Psalm 62

### Verse 1

My soul finds rest in God alone
My rock and my salvation
A fortress strong against my foes
And I will not be shaken
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse
And lies like arrows pierce me
I'll fix my heart on righteousness
I'll look to Him who hears me

# Verse 2 Find rest my soul in God alone Amid the world's temptations When evil seeks to take a hold I'll cling to my salvation Though riches come and riches go Don't set your heart upon them The fields of hope in which I sow Are harvested in heaven

Verse 3
I'll set my gaze on God alone
And trust in Him completely
With ev'ry day pour out my soul
And He will prove His mercy
Though life is but a fleeting breath
A sigh too deep to measure
My King has crushed the curse of death
And I am His forever

Chorus
O praise Him hallelujah
My Delight and my Reward
Everlasting never failing
My Redeemer my God

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# BE THOU MY VISION

Verse 1
Be Thou my vision
O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me
Save that Thou art
Thou my best thought
By day or by night
Waking or sleeping
Thy presence my light

Verse 2
Be Thou my wisdom
And Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee
And Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father
I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling
And I with Thee one

Verse 3
Riches I heed not
Nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance
Now and always
Thou and Thou only
Be first in my heart
High King of heaven
My treasure Thou art

Verse 4
High King of heaven
When vict'ry is won
May I reach heaven's joys
O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart
Whatever befall
Still be my vision
O Ruler of all

Eleanor Henrietta Hull / Mary Elizabeth Byrne

### Celebrant and People:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out into the world to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Deacon: Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Out of respect for the space and our host congregation, please take a moment to check for papers, bulletins and other items as you leave the sanctuary today.

# WELCOME!

Thank you for joining us in our mission of <u>sharing in</u> Christ's ministry of reconciliation through worship, <u>testimony and faithful presence</u>. If you are worshiping with us for the first time, we would love to get to know you better. If you would like to be contacted by one of our clergy or receive church communications, please use this QR code.



### Today's Preacher - David Stewart

David is originally from British Columbia. He is currently Director of Libraries at Bethel University and has studied at Regent College and the University of Western Ontario. David and his wife Liz, our Pastor of Discipleship and Spiritual Formation, are the parents of four grown children, and live in Falcon Heights.

# PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH HOME

All are encouraged to meet at the Calvins' on Thursday, August 25, 7:30-8:30 p.m. for a time of corporate prayer for a permanent church home. Let's join our hearts and voices together as we trust in God's provision for our Church of the Redeemer family! Please contact Fr. Paul with questions.



# CELEBRATION DINNER WITH THE ALMAHAMID FAMILY

As our year of formally walking alongside the Almahamid family draws to a close, the Good Neighbor team is planning to gather for a potluck meal on Saturday, August 6th to celebrate our friendship with them and we invite any of you to join in also. If you might be interested in joining the Good Neighbor Team in the future, this is a great opportunity to experience what this is like and talk with team members. Please contact Cheryl Krusen (cakrusen@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining us for the meal.



### Adventures in Prayer, Art, and Song

July 10 – August 14, children entering 1st through 5th grade are invited to come out of the worship service before the readings for a time of prayerful connection to God through visual art and music. There's a special summer art project that's part of our time too!

### Preschool and Kindergarten

Children in preschool and kindergarten are invited to participate in a new class led by Leena, Anna, Julie and Becca. It begins July 10 and meets in the Early Childhood wing, Room 105. Children will be dismissed from the worship service before the readings and return for communion. Parents, please pick your children up at the Peace.

# Summer Park Meet-ups

Come and meet up with others from Redeemer at local parks over the summer on five Wednesday mornings. Drop in anytime after 9:30a.m. Bring the kids, a soccer ball, a snack, invite friends, and enjoy visiting while the children play.

Wednesday, Aug. 3, 9:30 a.m. Rosebrook Park 2590 Fry St, Roseville

Final date of the summer: Aug. 17

# YOUTH GROUP

All students entering grades 6-12 in the fall are invited to summer Youth Group Activities!

Youth Parents, If you haven't yet had an opportunity to chaperone at a Saturday Night Hangout, please consider signing-up for one of the final three.

### Coming Up:

- August 11th, Day Retreat for youth entering grades 10-12.
- August 13, 6–8 p.m., Saturday Night Hangout at the Lundgren's. Other hangouts 8/27



For more details regarding other summer activities for youth, or to receive informational emails, please contact Emily Schroeder at 651-491-3192 or eeschroeder@gmail.com

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# SUMMER READING GROUPS

Share reading and discussion with other members of our church family this August.

"To think independently of other human beings is impossible, and if it were possible it would be undesirable. Thinking is necessarily, thoroughly, and wonderfully social."

Alan Jacobs, How to Think: A Survival Guide for a World at Odds.

The Feast, by Margaret Kennedy

David Stewart, Discussion Leader

Before The Sex Talk: A Theology of the Body Approach for Parents and Mentors, by Linda Noble & Linda Stewart

Deacon Liz Stewart, Discussion Leader

The Book of Common Prayer: A Biography, by Alan Jacobs

Fr. Paul Calvin & Fr. Chris Peterson, Discussion Leaders

Use this QR code to sign up and receive discussion times.



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