



The kingdom  
of heaven  
is like a  
merchant  
in search  
of fine pearls

MATTHEW 13:45

**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday, July 26, 2026, 9:30 a.m.**  
**Rev. Stephanie White**

# REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Order of Worship  
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*As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!*

## Key to hymnals in the pews:

ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red); page numbers are in front, hymns in back

WOV = With One Voice (blue); page numbers are in front, hymns in back

STS = Spirit Touching Spirit (grey)

\* = Please rise

## **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

*We welcome all who are gathered with us for worship, whether in person or via the livestream! If you are worshipping with us via the livestream, please send an e-mail to [redeemer@gvtel.com](mailto:redeemer@gvtel.com) to let us know from where you are worshipping.*

### **\*Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
whose compassion endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate God,  
**we confess to you all our sins.**  
**Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.**  
**In your mercy, call us back to you.**  
**Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.**  
**Restore us to dwell in your peace.**  
**In Christ's name we pray,**  
**Amen.**

*Water is poured into the baptismal font.*

Jesus says, "Come to me,  
all you who are weary  
and are carrying heavy burdens,  
and I will give you rest."  
In the name of God,  
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Rest in God's love.  
**Amen.**

**\*Proclamation Hymn**

*Gather Us In*

ELW #532  
(next page)

**\*Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the  
Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

# Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his - t'ry,  
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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## \*Kyrie



The leader then sings the petitions; all sing the above response.



## \*Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray...Beloved and sovereign God,

**through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**First Reading:** *Laban deceives Jacob by giving his older daughter, Leah, to Jacob in marriage instead of the promised younger daughter, Rachel. Because of his love for Rachel, Jacob agrees to work for Laban for an additional seven years so that he may also be married to her.*

Genesis 29:15-28

<sup>15</sup> Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" <sup>16</sup> Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. <sup>17</sup> Leah's eyes were weak, but Rachel was graceful and beautiful. <sup>18</sup> Jacob loved Rachel, so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." <sup>19</sup> Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." <sup>20</sup> So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and

they seemed to him but a few days because of his love for her.

<sup>21</sup> Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” <sup>22</sup> So Laban gathered together all the people of the place and made a feast. <sup>23</sup> But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and he went in to her. <sup>24</sup> (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) <sup>25</sup> When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” <sup>26</sup> Laban said, “This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. <sup>27</sup> Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” <sup>28</sup> Jacob did so and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God!**

***Psalm:** We have heard the tale of Jacob’s love for Rachel. We respond by singing Psalm 105:1-11, 45b, which praises God for a long history of saving deeds. Verse 10 speaks of God’s promises to Jacob.*

## **Psalm 105:1-11, 45b**

- <sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD and call upon God’s name;  
make known the deeds of the LORD among the peoples.
- <sup>2</sup> **Sing to the LORD, sing praises,  
and speak of all God’s marvelous works.**
- <sup>3</sup> Glory in God’s holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- <sup>4</sup> **Search for the strength of the LORD;  
continually seek God’s face.**
- <sup>5</sup> Remember the marvels God has done,  
the wonders and the judgments of God’s mouth,
- <sup>6</sup> **O offspring of Abraham, God’s servant,  
O children of Jacob, God’s chosen ones.**
- <sup>7</sup> The LORD is our God,  
whose judgments prevail in all the world,
- <sup>8</sup> **who has always been mindful of the covenant,  
the promise made for a thousand generations:**
- <sup>9</sup> the covenant made with Abraham,  
the oath sworn to Isaac,
- <sup>10</sup> **which God established as a statute for Jacob,**

**an everlasting covenant for Israel,**  
<sup>11</sup> saying, “To you will I give the land of Canaan  
to be your allotted inheritance.” <sup>45b</sup> Hallelujah!

**Second Reading:** *These words celebrate the depth of God’s actions for us. Through Christ’s death for us and the activity of the Spirit praying for us, we are fused to God’s love poured out in Jesus Christ. Nothing, not even death itself, is able to separate us from such incredible divine love.*

Romans 8:26-39

<sup>26</sup> The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

<sup>28</sup> We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup> What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup> Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us.

<sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*  
sing twice

ELW #172

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.

Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954  
Arr. © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

**Gospel:** *In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.*

**\*Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew...  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup> Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;<sup>32</sup> it is the smallest of all the



seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

<sup>33</sup> He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

<sup>44</sup> “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup> on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup> when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. <sup>49</sup> So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup> “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” <sup>52</sup> And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Rev. Terri Cuppett



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931  
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

\*Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.  
 I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried;  
 he descended to the dead.\***

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**Offering**

*We welcome you to Redeemer Lutheran Church this day! In-person worshippers can place their offering in the offering plate at this time. Your tithes and offerings submitted via the Postal Service or electronically are also gratefully appreciated. Also at this time, please take a minute to sign the red book and the end of pews and pass it down. Thank you!*

**\*Offertory**

*Take Me Lord*  
sing twice

STS #41

Take me, Lord, I give to you,  
everything and all I do!  
My love, my life, is my offering  
that I give to you.

**\*Offering Prayer**

Loving God,  
**we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.  
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,  
so that all creation can taste your abundance.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**\*Prayers of the Church**

...God of grace,  
hear our prayer.

**\*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

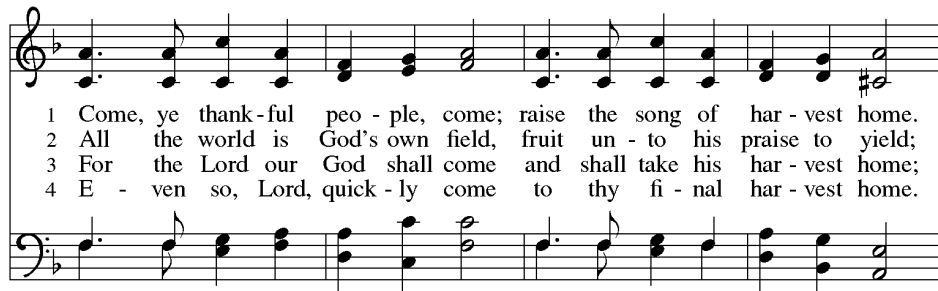


**SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**\*Benediction**

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,  
✠ one God,  
bless, heal, and hold you  
today and always.  
**Amen.**



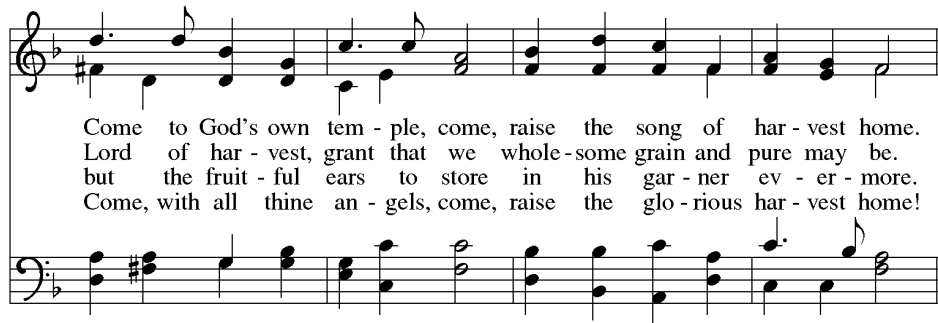
1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.  
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;  
 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;  
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.  
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.  
 from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;  
 Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.  
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.  
 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
 there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.  
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.  
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.  
 Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

## **\*Dismissal**

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

## ASSISTING IN MINISTRY

Presiding: Rev. Terri Cuppett

Ushers: Casey Nelson

Acolytes:

Lector: Cindy Dally

Serving at the Altar: Renae Dalen and Denice Nelson

Organist: Reid Froiland

Cantor: Chris Cuppett

Video: Dave Ulrich

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# *In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

Hannah Holthouse, Roger Forsberg, Nancy Killian, Heather Stein, Kristie Huseh, Diane Brooks, Jon Christianson, Tom Gustafson, Larry and LaVonne Forsberg, Tamara Vaughan, Darren Bakke, Shawn Groven, Jim Potucek, Rick Harbott, Michelle Kasprick, Shari Safranski, Barb Horien, Rick and Tami Hanson, Rose Teie, Fern Melbye, Laurie Miller, Wayne, Adam Holthouse (deployed to Iran.)

**If you have service members** that you would like to add to the prayer list, please let Pastor Steph or the office know.



Altar flowers are given by  
Kenny and Marlys Kain  
In loving memory of  
Arlene Kain and Dennis Anderson.



**Quarterly statements** are available upon request; please contact Marit at the church office.

**Week Ending**  
**July 19, 2026**  
**\$ 2,324.37**



**Volunteers are needed to read, usher and serve communion.** If you can help out in any of these roles, please fill out a volunteer sheet found on our new church app. Thank you for sharing your time and talents.

### **Coming this week:**

Monday, July 27 – 11:00 Nursing Home Visit

Tuesday, July 28 - Dianne Out – Office Closed

9:00 – Quilters

3:30 – 6:00 Techy Tuesday

Wednesday, July 29 – 6:30 – Floats and Fued

Thursday, July 23 – 1:00 – Nursing Home Visits

Sunday, August 2 – 9:30 – Worship with Holy Communion

**Looking for input for the newsletter** – where have you found/felt God at work this summer? You can send an email to [redeemer@gvtel.com](mailto:redeemer@gvtel.com). Or drop a card in the office, or send a text to 21686-2552. Please feel free to attach a picture,

**Come join Katelyn for Floats and Fued** on Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. Lots of fun to be had!

**Need help with our new app for the church?** Katelyn is having Techy Tuesday from 3:30 to 6:00pm every Tuesday. Stop in and she will help get the app downloaded to your phone, show you how it works and answer any questions you may have.

**Redeemer will be hosting Vacation Bible School** in partnership with Trinity Lutheran and Zion Lutheran churches. It will be held August 3<sup>rd</sup> through August 6<sup>th</sup> from 9-3 daily. Registration sheets are available on line and in the Narthex at the table by the entry.

**Women of the ELCA** - Trinity Lutheran in Crookston is the place to be on September 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. They are hosting the 38<sup>th</sup> annual Convention. More information and the registration sheets are on the table in the Narthex.

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hootenanny Hootenanny has been postponed unit sometime in August.**

 A grief support group meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 1:30 p.m. each month at the Heritage Center. Open to all adults dealing with the loss of a loved one through death. All meetings are free. You may call 800-237-4629 with questions





# July Birthdays

## July Birthdays –

**1** – Marlo Lofberg **2** – Jason Schuster, Virginia Stensrud, Roger Forsberg, Francis Martell **3** Linda Ulrich, Olivia Maas, Cheri Benter **4** – United States of America **5** – Kristina Thompson, Diane Johnson **6 - 7** – Ryker Beito, Kaitlyn Norlin **8** – Casey Heimstras **9** – Madisyn Olson **10** – Erik Brateng, Rylin Nessen **11** – Marah Froiland, Chloe Lund, Jason Dennis, Liza Bjerklie **12** – Elsie Lofberg **13 – 14** – Tanya Harbott, Andrew McClenahan **15 – 16** – Chad Davidson **17** – David Mugaas **18** – Parker Milender, Abbie Houske **19** – Allen Melbye **20** – Matthew Wilson, Claire Schuster **21 – 22** – Awbree Lunsetter, Clay Nelson, Tyler Miller, Whitney Jacobson **23** – Jeff Davidson, Joe Cornelius, Jarin Newland **24** – Barb Forsberg, Rocky Ammerman **25** – Alan Johnson, Barry Froiland **26** – Oskar Anderson, Stevie Nordby, Sharon Fugelberg, Diane Schoon **27** – George Norlin **28** – Carol Gustafson, Joseph Ihle **29** – Hailey Rogalla, Lynda Raymond **30** – Taelyn Pray, Myron Peterson, **31** – Tegan Pray, Ronald Rondorf

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Reid Froiland, *organist/liturgist/choir director*  
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Dave Ulrich, *videographer*

**SANFORD**  
AMBULANCE

# NEW STATION OPEN HOUSE & RIBBON CUTTING

**8/12/26**  
4-7PM

**324 10th Street E.**  
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**MEET YOUR LOCAL EMS PROFESSIONALS**

**TOUR THE NEW STATION**

**VARIOUS EMERGENCY VEHICLES FROM SEVERAL AGENCIES AVAILABLE FOR A TOUCH A TRUCK EVENT**

*Celebrating THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE, honoring our mission*

**TOGETHER, WE'RE STRONGER | THANK YOU FOR LETTING US SERVE YOU**

## NEW BLOOD DONORS NEEDED

Discover if you are eligible and help save lives today!

More than 30,000 blood donations are needed daily to safeguard the blood supply for patients in the U.S.

If you're in good health and meet the general eligibility criteria, then you are likely able to give blood. General eligibility includes:

- Must be at least 16 years old\*
- Weigh at least 110 pounds\*\*
- Be in good general health

If you were told previously that you were disqualified from donating blood because you got a tattoo or piercing, traveled abroad or take certain medications you may be able to donate now. Recent changes to eligibility including European travel, may mean those once deferred can give.

### WHY GIVE?

**Free Health Check** **Save Lives. Feel Good.** **Free Gifts**

**FREE HEALTH CHECK**  
With each donation, you can keep track of your:

- ✓ Pulse
- ✓ Learn Your Blood Type
- ✓ Cholesterol
- ✓ Blood Pressure

Learn more, determine your eligibility and make an appointment to donate by scanning the QR Code:

\* If 16 years old, a signed parent/guardian consent form is required each time you donate. 17 year old donors do not need parental or guardian consent unless they live in these states (for their school requires it): Arizona, Colorado, Montana, Utah, Washington or Wyoming.

\*\*Donors aged 16-22 and women age 65+ have additional requirements. For additional information visit [vitalant.org/eligibility](http://vitalant.org/eligibility).

For more information or to schedule a donation, call 877.25.VITAL or visit us at [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org). Find us @vitalant: [f](https://www.facebook.com/vitalant) [i](https://www.instagram.com/vitalant) [in](https://www.linkedin.com/company/vitalant) [yt](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvitalant)

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# WIN A CAR!

## Give Blood for a Chance to Win a Car!

Time to rev up the excitement for helping patients this summer. Donate **July 9 – Aug. 8** for a chance to **win a car**. You could be the lucky donor randomly selected as the winner of up to **\$30,000** toward the purchase of a **new ride!**\* Find details at [vitalant.org/CarGiveaway](http://vitalant.org/CarGiveaway).

**Make an appointment at [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org) or call 877-25-VITAL**

Use blood drive code: **THIEFRIVERFALLS**

## MEDICS VS. MUSCLES 2 DAY COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

TUES. AUG. 4TH 11:30AM-6:00PM

WED. AUG. 5TH 8:00AM-1:30PM @ THE EAGLES

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877-25-VITAL | [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org)  
Because of you, life doesn't stop

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## Refer a Friend

Multiply Your Impact for Patients with the Refer a Friend Program

We need your help spreading the word about how easy and important it is to donate blood and help patients. Many people say they never donated blood because they've never been asked. You can help by making that personal ask — of friends, family members, coworkers, fellow church members, etc.

Vitalant's Refer a Friend program makes it easy to become a blood donation advocate.

**REFER**

Share your referral code with everyone.  
**Log in to your donor account at [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org) to find your code.\***

**REDEEM**

Get \$10 gift card for every NEW Vitalant donor who makes and keeps their appointment. The new donor gets a \$10 gift card too!

**REPEAT**

There's no limit to the number of \$10 gift cards you can receive!

In the last few years, the number of people donating blood has dropped about 20%. Without new people coming in to give blood and current blood donors continuing to give, patients could be at risk if blood isn't available when they need it.

Whether you're donating blood or referring a friend to donate, we appreciate everything you're doing for patients!

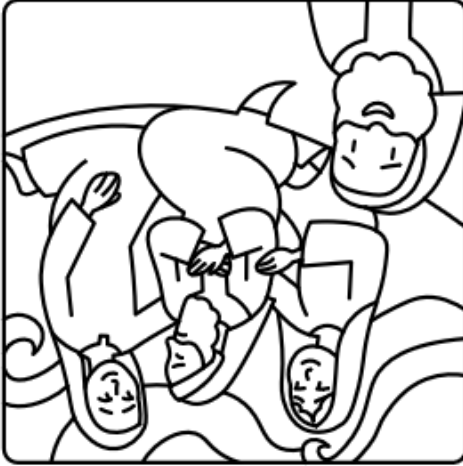
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2. "Sometimes, when sadness, anger, or fear are too overwhelming, it can be hard to know what to say or how to pray—but that's okay! Through the Spirit, God lives with us. And through the Spirit, God understands our full, complex feelings."



3. "God has gathered us into one big family, connected to each other through Christ's love, the Spirit's comfort, and God's dream for the world. So, when difficult times arise, we can rely not only on each other, but also on God."



#### Romans 8:26–39



1. As a leader in the early church, Paul often wrote letters to Christian communities around the Mediterranean Sea, offering guidance, wisdom, and encouragement as they practiced following the way of Jesus. In a letter to Christians in Rome, Paul wrote:

4. "God is always with us, no matter what. There is nothing that can cut us off from God—not death or life, rulers or fears, or anything from the past, future, or present. Nothing and no one can separate us from God!"

