



ROYAL REDEEMER

AN LCMS CONGREGATION

August 9, 2026

9am Worship

Am I Willing to be Corrected?

A QUESTION OF **CHARACTER**

(Pastor John Mitchell)

11th Sunday After Pentecost - August 9, 2026
9:00am Order of Worship
A Question of Character: Am I Willing to be Corrected?

Prelude / Welcome

804 O Worship the King *sts. 1, 4-5*



1 O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
5 Frail chil - dren of dust and fee - ble as frail,
O grate - ful - ly sing His pow'r and His love;
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.
Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
Thy mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,
Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
And sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
Our mak - er, de - fend - er, re - deem - er, and friend!

Invocation & Confession

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His

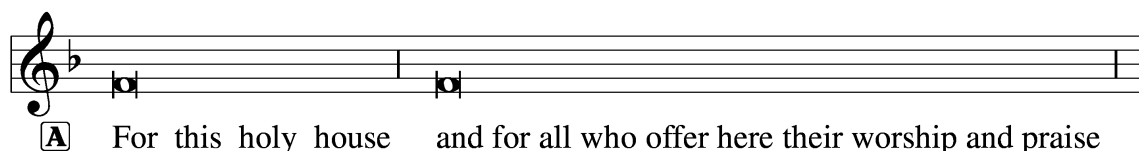
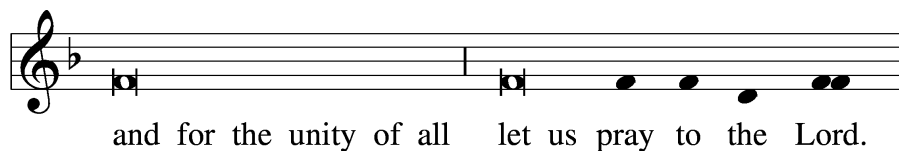
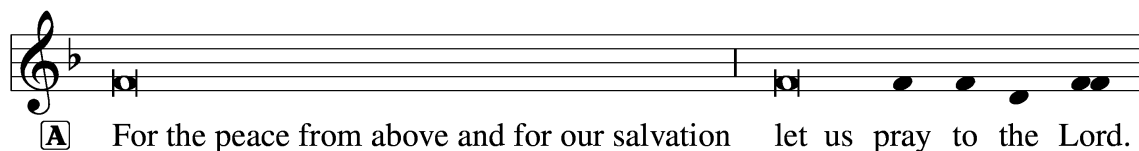
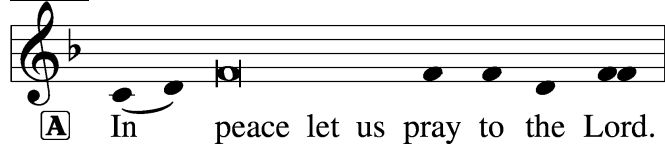
authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Kyrie

LSB 152





A musical staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody for the first line of the hymn is written on a treble clef. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half).

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

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Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:

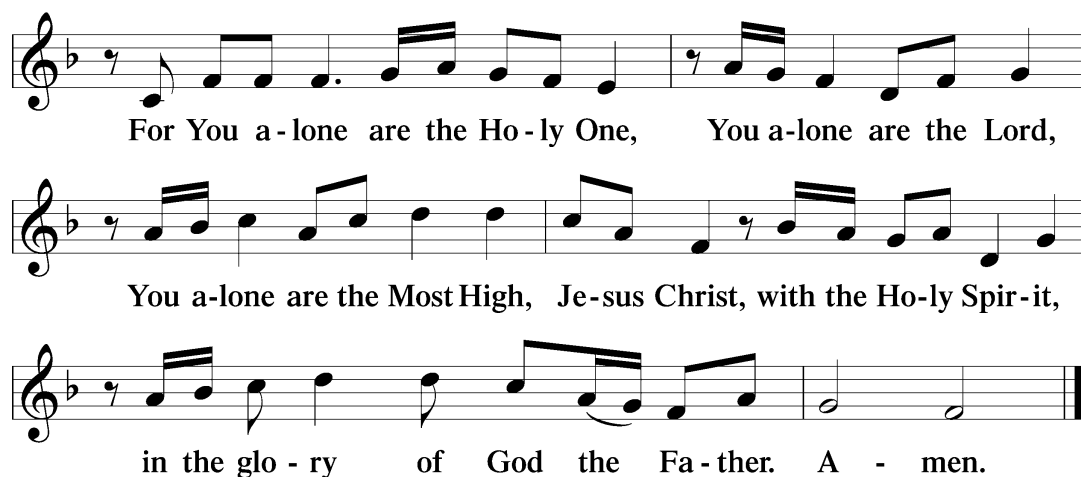
We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please Sit)

First Lesson

Job 38:4–18

⁴ “Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation?

Tell me, if you understand.

⁵ Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know!

Who stretched a measuring line across it?

⁶ On what were its footings set,

or who laid its cornerstone—

⁷ while the morning stars sang together

and all the angels shouted for joy?

⁸ “Who shut up the sea behind doors

when it burst forth from the womb,

⁹ when I made the clouds its garment

and wrapped it in thick darkness,

¹⁰ when I fixed limits for it

and set its doors and bars in place,

¹¹ when I said, ‘This far you may come and no farther;

here is where your proud waves halt’?

¹² “Have you ever given orders to the morning,

or shown the dawn its place,

¹³ that it might take the earth by the edges

and shake the wicked out of it?

¹⁴ The earth takes shape like clay under a seal;
its features stand out like those of a garment.
¹⁵ The wicked are denied their light,
and their upraised arm is broken.
¹⁶ “Have you journeyed to the springs of the sea
or walked in the recesses of the deep?
¹⁷ Have the gates of death been shown to you?
Have you seen the gates of the deepest darkness?
¹⁸ Have you comprehended the vast expanses of the earth?
Tell me, if you know all this.

Second Lesson

Hebrews 12:1-14

¹² Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

⁴ In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵ And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says,

“My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline,
and do not lose heart when he rebukes you,

⁶ because the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.”

⁷ Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? ⁸ If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all. ⁹ Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! ¹⁰ They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. ¹¹ No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

¹² Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. ¹³ “Make level paths for your feet,” so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.

¹⁴ Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

(Please Stand)

Alleluia and Verse

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel, according to St Matthew the 14th chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Matthew 14:22–33

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

²⁵ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear.

²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”

²⁸ “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”

²⁹ “Come,” he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”

³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

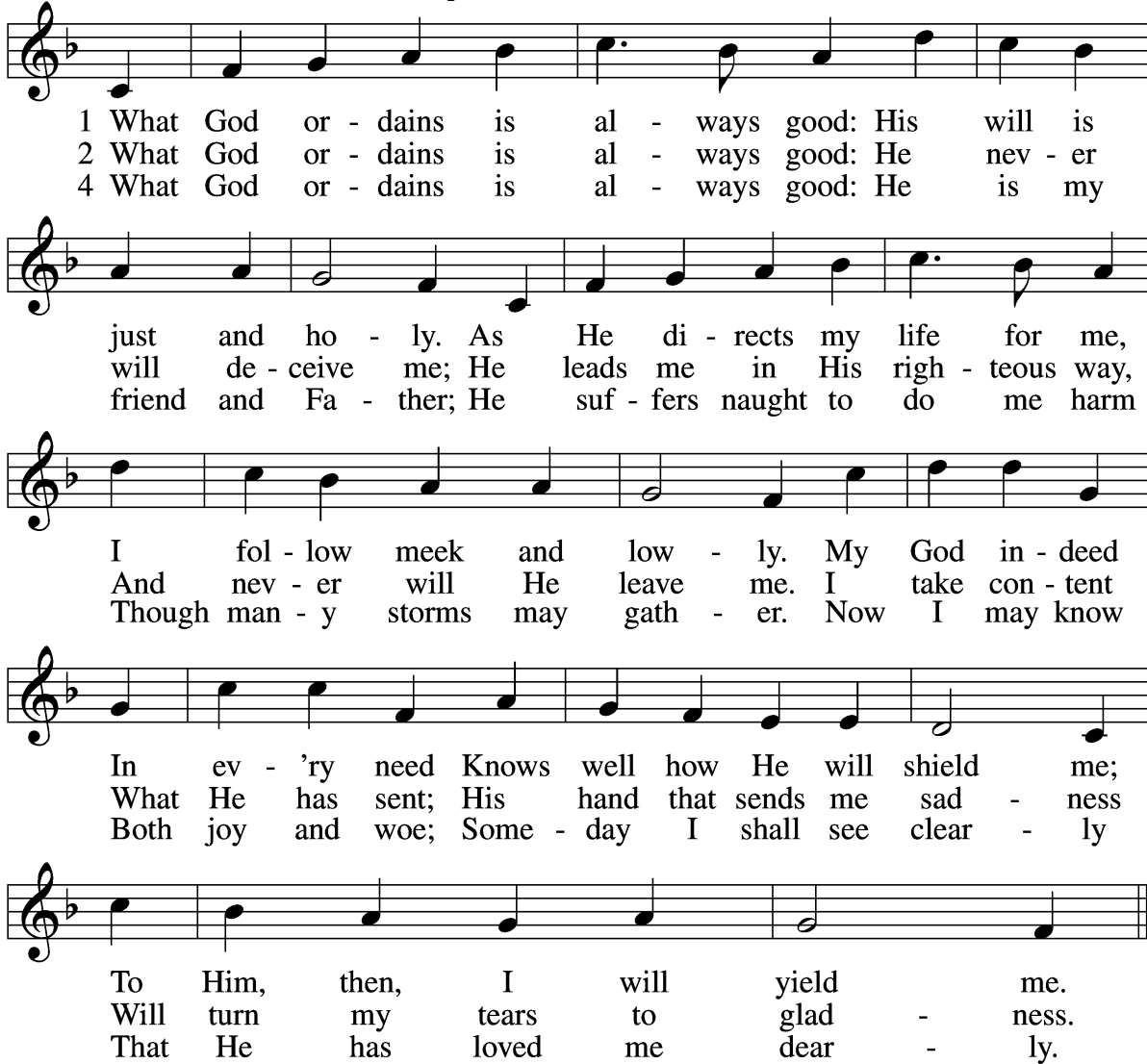
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

(Please Sit)

760 What God Ordains Is Always Good *sts. 1-2, 4*



1 What God or - dains is al - ways good: His will is
2 What God or - dains is al - ways good: He nev - er
4 What God or - dains is al - ways good: He is my

just and ho - ly. As He di - rects my life for me,
will de - ceive me; He leads me in His righ - teous way,
friend and Fa - ther; He suf - fers naught to do me harm

I fol - low meek and low - ly. My God in - deed
And nev - er will He leave me. I take con - tent
Though man - y storms may gath - er. Now I may know

In ev - 'ry need Knows well how He will shield me;
What He has sent; His hand that sends me sad - ness
Both joy and woe; Some - day I shall see clear - ly

To Him, then, I will yield me.
Will turn my tears to glad - ness.
That He has loved me dear - ly.

Message A Question of Character: Am I Willing to be Corrected?

Offering

715 Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

Thank you for your faithful support of ministry at Royal Redeemer. As a reminder, you may submit your offerings 1) in the collection plate, 2) via the Church Center App, 3) by mail to the church, 7127 Dutchland Pkwy., Liberty Township, Ohio, 4) via Church Center - you can find a link on the Worship Live page of our website, or 5) by arranging an automatic deposit through your bank account (see the Give page under the Serve section of our website).

(Please Stand)

Announcements

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Dear Heavenly Father, You tell us in Your Word that You discipline us because You love us. But we confess that when we sense You disciplining us, we resent it and don't feel loved. Forgive us and help us in the power of Your Holy Spirit to receive Your discipline in the love it represents and be willing to be corrected. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty God, you laid the foundations of the earth and set bounds and limits to all things. We give you thanks for your glorious creation, including our own bodies and souls. In our sin, we have earned for ourselves death, and we have brought low your creation; yet through your Son, you grant us forgiveness and new life. Help us to live in righteousness through faith in Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Gracious Lord, your Word is near to the hearts of your people. Grant them courage to speak the Gospel faithfully before the world. Let those who hear confess Jesus Christ as Lord and be saved. Remember all who endure persecution for His name and strengthen them for a bold witness. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord, we ask you to raise up pastors, teachers, missionaries and servants for all church-work vocations. Bless this congregation as they continue to search for the next pastor you have chosen for them. Do not let fear keep us from your Word and Sacraments. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Help us to trust in you at all times, Father, that we may not doubt or fear. Grant us confidence in all your promises. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord, you supported Peter in his doubts and fears. Keep us from sinking into despair when we suffer the trials of this mortal life. Be with those who are in need especially those who we now name silently in our hearts.... Grant us your Spirit, that our hearts may not waver, and keep us in your grace, that we may not lose our way or be overcome by weariness and struggle. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Gracious Lord, hear our prayers and lead us to trust in your mercy without fear, that we may be confident that you will grant to us our salvation; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: 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.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

728 How Firm a Foundation *sts. 1-2, 4*



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,
Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.
What more can He say than to you He has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.