

+ Contemporary Worship +
At Redeemer Lutheran Church

9 am August 27, 2023

Our mission is to share Christ's love with the greatest number of people.



+ WELCOME TO WORSHIP +

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 138

Pastor We give thanks to you, O Lord.
All **When we called, you answered us.**

Pastor We sing of the ways of the Lord,
All **and great is the glory of the Lord.**

Pastor Though we walk in the midst of trouble,
All **you keep us safe.**

Pastor You will make good your purpose for us;
All **your steadfast love endures forever. Amen! Alleluia!**

GATHERING SONG

Here I Am To Worship

Words and Music by
Tim Hughes

VERSE

♩ = 75

E Bsus F#m E Bsus

1. Light of the world, You stepped down in - to dark - ness, o - pened my eyes, let me
2. King of all days, oh so high - ly ex - alt - ed, glo - rious in heav - en a -

4 A2(no3) E Bsus F#m E Bsus

see. Beau - ty that made this heart a - dore You, hope of a life spent with
bove. Hum - bly You came to the earth You cre - a - ted, all for love's sake be - came

CHORUS

8 A2(no3) B7sus E B/D#

You. So, here I am to wor - ship, here I am to bow down, here I am to
poor. _____

12 E/G# A E

say that You're my God. And You're al - to - geth - er love - ly, al - to - geth - er

15 B/D# E/G# Last time to Coda A A2(no3) A

wor - thy, al - to - geth - er won - der - ful to me. And I'll nev -

BRIDGE

1

B/D# E/G# A B/D# E/G# A

er know how much it cost to see my sin up - on that cross. And I'll nev

2

A B7sus *D.S. al Coda*

that cross. So, here I am to

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⊕A A2(no3) E *Coda*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Pastor We are called to follow Christ. We are called to obey Jesus' commandment to love one another. Let us confess how we have fallen short of that love.

All **Loving God,
we have not loved you or each other with our whole hearts.
Forgive us, we pray, and lead us toward wholeness,
that we may be filled with your joy.**

Pastor The promise of our faith is that we are forgiven. As a called and ordained servant of the Church of Christ, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Receive the Holy Spirit and be empowered to be witnesses of God's love that we know through his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Please stand and sing.

Wind of the Spirit

Wind of the Spir - it, move fresh as we wor - ship and
fill us with hope ev - 'ry day.
Breath of cre - a - tion, blow life in our be - ing, and
gift us with pur - pose, we pray; so our
life is filled with mean - ing, and love is what we're breath - ing in the
wind of the Spir - it, wind of the Spir - it.

Text: Handt Hanson and Paul Murakami
Music: WIND OF THE SPIRIT, Handt Hanson and Paul Murakami

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray.
O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

+ THE WORD +

Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so now God offers comfort to Zion. God's deliverance will come soon and will never end.

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many.
For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples.
I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope.
Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Reader Word of God, word of life.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Reading: Romans 12:1-8

In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Reader Word of God, word of life.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand and sing.

Text: James Tallman
Music: anonymous
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What a mighty word God gives

What a might - y Word God gives!

What a might - y Word God gives!

When he speaks, our faith is fed. Give us, Lord, our dai - ly bread.
God sent us the on - ly Son, who for us the vic - try's won.

What a might - y Word God gives!

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Pastor The Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

“Who Do You Say That I Am” Pastor Josh Wullenweber

Please stand and sing.

Step by step

O God, you are my God, and I will ev - er praise
you. O God, you are my God, and
I will ev - er praise you. I will seek you in the morn -
- ing, and I will learn to walk in your ways, and
step by step you'll lead me, and I will fol - low you all of my
days. O days, and I will fol - low you all of my
days, and I will fol - low you all of my days, and
step by step you'll lead me, and I will fol - low you all of my days.

APOSTLES' CREED

Pastor With the whole Church, let us confess our faith.

**All 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.**

PRAYERS

Prayers are included for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish and special concerns. After each portion of the prayers:

Pastor Hear us, O God.
All Your mercy is great.

At the end of the prayer:

Pastor Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
All Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S PEACE

Pastor May the peace of the Lord be with you always.
All And also with you.

Please greet one another with words such as "God's peace be with you."

Sit

OFFERING

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.
Please give as you are able.*

Please sign the red attendance book and pass it down the pew.

+ SHARING OUR GIFTS +

OFFERING MUSIC

"I Will Call upon the Lord" by Tom Lascoe

OFFERTORY

Please stand and sing.

G C² Dm⁷ C²/E C/E

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our

F C/E Dm⁷ Dm⁷/G C

lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor Let us pray.
All Gracious God,
with your steadfast love
you call us from death to life,
from silence to speech,
and from idleness to action.
With joy and thanksgiving
we ask that these gifts
may be a sign of that love,
and that we may continue
to share all that we have received
to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.



+ COME TO THE TABLE +

Pastor The Lord be with you.
All And also with you.

Pastor Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
**All 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.**

Pastor Come, for all is now ready.
Please sit.

INVITATION TO COMMUNE

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Anyone not comfortable receiving the bread or the wine are invited to come forward for a blessing. You are an important part of our faith community. For those taking Holy Communion: Pastor will give verbal instructions on how Holy Communion will be distributed.

All sing.

Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain



peace and glad-ness; Spir-it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir-it of all kind-ness, be our guide.
way of heal - ing; Spir-it of com-pas - sion, fill each heart.

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Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen
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Please stand.

Pastor

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood,
strengthen and preserve you unto eternal life.

All

Amen.

PRAYER

Pastor

Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All

Amen.

+ THE SENDING +

BENEDICTION

Pastor

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

All

Amen.

SENDING SONG
All sing.

I Will Follow

Words and Music by
Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram
and Reuben Morgan

INTRO

♩ = 96 Dm B♭/D F/C C

Where You go, I'll go; Where You stay, I'll stay; When You move, I'll move. I will fol - low.

VERSE

5 Dm7 B♭2 F C(4) B♭

Oh, oh, oh.

1. All Your ways are good,
2. Light in - to the world,

10 Dm7 C(4) F2 C/E B♭ Dm7

all Your ways are sure; I will trust in You a - lone. High - er than my sight, high a - bove my life;
Light in - to my life— I will live for You a - lone. You're the One I seek, know - ing I will find

CHORUS

15 C(4) F2 C/E B♭ C(4) Dm7

I will trust in You a - lone. Where You go, I'll go;
all I need in You a - lone. In You a - lone.

20 B♭2 F C(4) Dm7

Where You stay, I'll stay; When You move, I'll move. I will fol - low You. Whom You love, I'll love;

INTERLUDE

24 B♭2 F C(4) Dm7 B♭2

Last time to Coda

How You serve, I'll serve; If this life I lose, I will fol - low You, yeah. I will fol - low You,

BRIDGE

29 F C(4) Bbmaj9 F C Bbmaj9 F C

yeah. In You, there's life ev - er - last - ing. In You, there's free - dom for my soul.

35 Bbmaj9 F C Bbmaj9 F C *D.S. al Coda*

In You, there's joy, un - end - ing joy; And I will fol - low.

39 C(4)
⊕ Coda

I will fol - - low.

CHORUS

Dm7 Bb2 F C(4)

Where You go, I'll go; Where You stay, I'll stay; When You move, I'll move. I will fol - low You.

ENDING

44 Dm7 Bb2 F C(4) Dm7

Whom You love, I'll love; How You serve, I'll serve; If this life I lose, I will fol - low You, yeah.

49 Bb2 F C(4) Dm7 Bb2 F

I will fol - low You, yeah. I will fol - low You, yeah. I will fol - low You, yeah. —

55 C(4)

DISMISSAL

Pastor Go in peace. Share the good news.

All **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*Please join the Redeemer family outside the Crossroads foyer area
for fellowship and refreshments.*



Dare We?

There are lots of possible truthful answers to Jesus' question "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" (Matthew 16:13): prophet, teacher, storyteller, healer, wonder-worker, rabble-rouser, friend, exorcist, Nazarene, Jew, son of Joseph. We come to know one another from many angles: in experiences and relationships; by what others say; on Facebook, Twitter, the six o'clock news; at Monday coffee group, happy hour; through factory newsletters, class yearbooks. One might be, all at once, author, gardener, mother, felon, philanthropist, swimmer.

Jesus begins by asking what people say about him—what's the word on the street? As expected, responses are a mixture of religious, political, and personal perspectives. Then Jesus cuts closer, exacting from his disciples their answer. "Who do you say that I am?" (Matt. 16:15). It might seem that he's quizzing the group with a trick question to see who answers rightly and thus gets rewarded with keys to the kingdom of heaven.

Peter's answer gains him the glory. If that episode was all Matthew's gospel recorded, we might conclude that Peter did, in fact, recognize Jesus more clearly than the others. But every one of the disciples had made that very same confession, "You are the Son of God," in the safety of a seaworthy boat with Jesus on a calmed sea (Matt. 14:33). In this sense, Peter's response was predictable.

However, Matthew bothers to write that this happened in Caesarea Philippi, also known as Paneas, site of a famous shrine to Pan, god of shepherds. Named for Caesar, the emperor, and Philip, ruler of the region, it is identified with imperial power. In the context of tremendous political and religious forces, Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?"

In this sense, it is a brave confession when Peter names Jesus—not Caesar—as Chosen, Lord, and presence of God. Jesus' way of blessing the world contradicts all that empire is about. On that confession the church is called to stand—today. Dare we?

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

Children are welcome in our worship.

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***Redeemer's Sunday worship schedule is:
8:30 and 11 am - Traditional Services 9:45 am - Contemporary Service***

Next Sunday's Scripture:

Jeremiah 15:15-21 Psalm 26:1-8 Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28

The flowers are given to the glory of God.

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