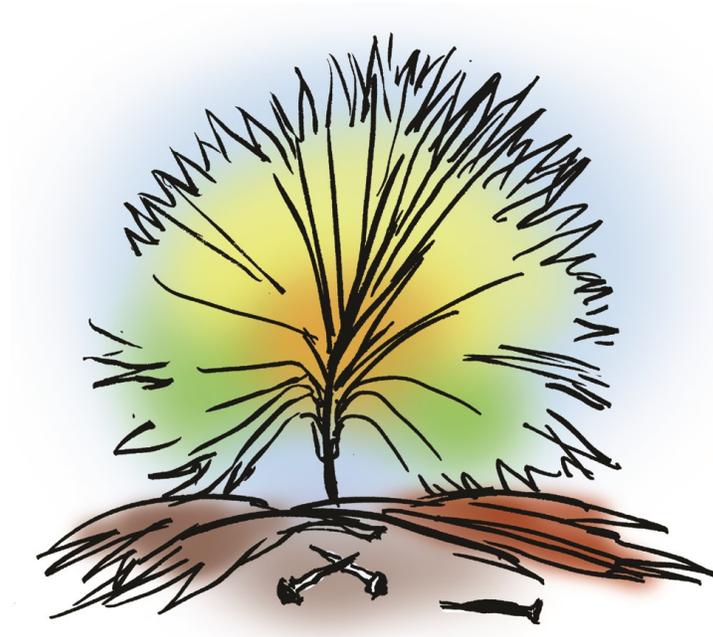


+ Contemporary Worship +
At Redeemer Lutheran Church

August 30, 2020

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



+ WELCOME TO WORSHIP +

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 26

Pastor May God be merciful to us and bless us;

People may the light of God's face shine upon us.

Pastor Let your way be known upon earth,

People your saving health among all nations.

Pastor: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

People for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.

Pastor May God give us blessing,

People: and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe. Amen! Alleluia!

GATHERING SONG
Cantor sings.

Lord, I lift your name on high

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are: "Lord, I lift your name on high, Lord, I love to sing your prais - es. I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heav - en to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay; from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high."

G C D C G C
Lord, I lift your name on high, Lord, I love to sing your

D C G C D C
prais - es. I'm so glad you're in my life,

G C Dsus D G C
I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heav - en to earth

D C G C
to show the way, from the earth to the cross,

D C G C
my debt to pay; from the cross to the grave,

D Em⁷ Am⁷ Dsus D G C/G G
from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

Text and music: Rick Founds
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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. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

Cantor sings.

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, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of
 the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give
 us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

+ THE WORD +

Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21

Jeremiah's delight in the word of the LORD is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words, "I am with you."

¹⁵O LORD, you know;
 remember me and visit me,
 and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away;
 know that on your account I suffer insult.

¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them,
 and your words became to me a joy
 and the delight of my heart;
for I am called by your name,
 O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,
 nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
 for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing,
 my wound incurable,
 refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
 like waters that fail.

¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
 and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
 you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you,
 not you who will turn to them.

²⁰And I will make you to this people
 a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
 but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
 to save you and deliver you,
says the LORD.

²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
 and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

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

Reading: Romans 12:9-21

Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflinching standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Pastor Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
All **You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

After Peter confesses that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a "rock."

²¹From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

SERMON

Divine Things
Pastor Sandy Kessinger

SONG

"I Can Only Imagine" by MercyMe, Chris Tribie, tenor

APOSTLES' CREED

Vicar 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:

Vicar Lord, in your mercy,
All hear our prayer.

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

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

OFFERING

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.
Our offerings to God are first of all just that – offerings of thanksgiving to God.
As you are able please continue to support our ministry with your financial gifts.
Our work continues even when we are physically apart from one another.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor Let us pray.
**All God of all creation,
all you have made is good, and your love endures forever.
You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.
Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of
your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord Amen**

THE INVITATION

Pastor With the breaking of bread and sharing the cup, Jesus offered the disciples peace and friendship, trust and forgiveness, the love and embrace of God. Jesus offers the same to all people.

All **Jesus, we are sinners hungry for grace.
We come to receive your gift of love.
Receive our gifts of love
and use them to further your care for the world.
Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.**

LAMB OF GOD

Pastor Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.

All **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

All **Amen.**

Pastor The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in love by the power of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Pastor The God of grace + bless you now and forever.

All **Amen.**

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: Individuals and/or families will come forward keeping six feet apart. Once you arrive at the table you can pick up the host and the cup of wine/grape juice. Please move by the basket that stands next to the table.

Pastor will say "The body and blood of Christ for you. Go in peace and serve the Lord."

Once you have communed you can leave by the open side door and exit the building. Those who wish to have a time of prayer can return to your pew by the side aisles. When you are ready to leave then just keep a safe distance from others. We ask that you not gather in the Crossroads but you are free to greet others outside.

At the end of the service pastor will offer a final word of peace for those who are watching the videos.

Pastor Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

Children are always welcome in our worship.

Hearing help available: We have for your use personal hearing amplification units available in the narthex. Please refer questions or comments to an usher.

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*Next Sunday's Scripture:
Ezekiel 33:7-11 Psalm 119:33-40 Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20*

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