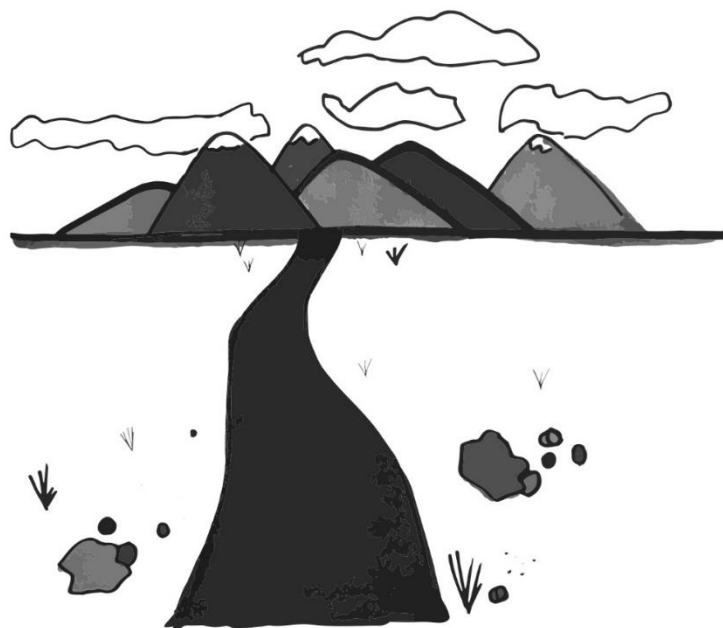


+ Contemporary Worship +
At Redeemer Lutheran Church
11:00 am July 5, 2026

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



+ WELCOME TO WORSHIP +

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 45

Pastor Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely;
All **forget your people and your father's house.**

Pastor All glorious is the princess as she enters; her gown is cloth-of-gold.
All **After her the bridesmaids follow in procession.**

Pastor With joy and gladness they are brought,
All **and enter into the palace of the king.**

Pastor I will make your name to be remembered from one generation to another;
All **therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.**

GATHERING HYMN

All sing.

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We bow down

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. Chord symbols are placed above the staff at various points. The lyrics are: "You are Lord of cre - a - tion and Lord of my life, Lord of the land and the sea. You were Lord of the heav - ens be - fore there was time, and Lord of all lords you will be. We bow down and we wor - ship you, Lord; we bow down and we wor - ship you, Lord; we bow down and we wor - ship you, Lord; Lord of all lords you will be."

Chord symbols: C, G/C, C, G/B, Am, F⁶, G, C, F⁶, C/E, G, G/B, C, F⁶, C/E, G, Am, Dm⁷, G, C.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Pastor Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose compassion endures forever.
All **Amen.**

Pastor Let us confess our sin to God. Compassionate God,
All **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.**

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray. You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
All **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

+ THE WORD +

Reading: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

The marriage of Isaac and Rebekah helped to fulfill God's promise that Abraham and Sarah would become the ancestors of many nations.

[Laban received a visitor who said,] ³⁴ "I am Abraham's servant. ³⁵ The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. ³⁶ And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old, and he has given him all that he has. ³⁷ My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites in whose land I live, ³⁸ but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.'

⁴² "I came today to the spring and said, 'O Lord, God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! ⁴³ I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, 'Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,' ⁴⁴ and who will say to me, 'Drink, and I will draw for your camels also'—let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son.'

⁴⁵ "Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder, and she went down to the spring and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' ⁴⁶ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. ⁴⁷ Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose and the bracelets on her arms. ⁴⁸ Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. ⁴⁹ Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left."

⁵⁸ And they called Rebekah and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." ⁵⁹ So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. ⁶⁰ And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,

“May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads;
may your offspring gain possession
of the gates of their foes.”

⁶¹ Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man, and the servant took Rebekah and went his way.

⁶² Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi and was settled in the Negeb. ⁶³ Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field, and, looking up, he saw camels coming. ⁶⁴ And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel ⁶⁵ and said to the servant, “Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and covered herself. ⁶⁶ And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. ⁶⁷ Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

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

Reading: Romans 7:15-25a

Life captive to sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be wrong. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a} Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

*Please stand
and sing.*

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is in the Treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the Bass clef. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943
Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema
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The Gospel is announced.

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶ “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷ ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸ “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Pastor

The Gospel of the Lord.

All

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Living Promises
Pastor John Teitman



*Please stand
and sing.*

Glory and praise to our God

Refrain

G D Em G

Glo - ry and praise to our God, who a - lone gives

Dsus D Am/C Am

light to our days. Man - y are the

G Bm C D G *4th time to stanza 4*

bles - sings he bears to those who trust in his ways.

Dm⁷ C Am D

1 We, the daugh - ters and sons of him who built the
2 In his wis - dom he strength - ens us, like gold that's
3 Ev - 'ry mo - ment of ev - 'ry day our God is

G Dm⁷ C

val - leys and plains, praise the won - ders our God has
test - ed in fire. Though the pow - er of sin pre -
wait - ing to save, al - ways read - y to seek the

Bm⁷ Em A D D⁹/C G/B D/A *Refrain*

done in ev - 'ry heart that sings,
vails, our God is there to save.
lost, to an - swer those who pray.

B⁷ Em B⁷

4 God has wa - tered our bar - ren land and spent his

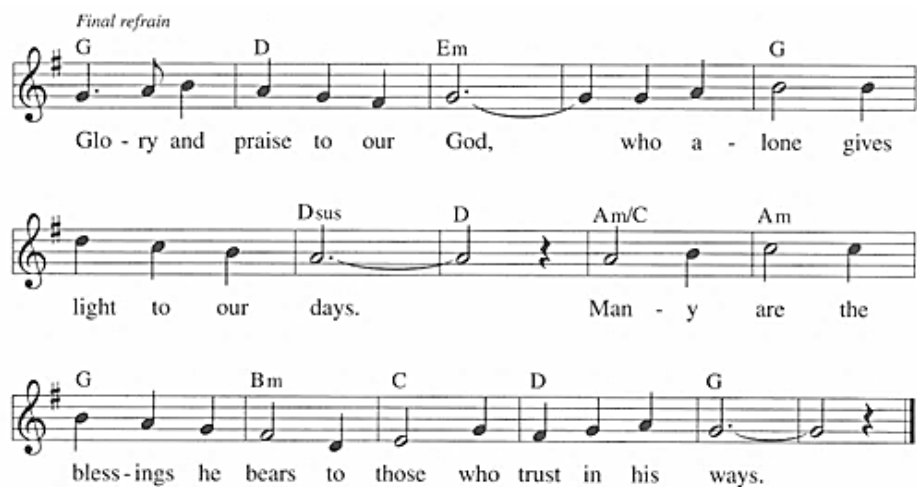
Em C G

mer - ci - ful rain. Now the riv - ers of life run

Em Am D D⁹/C G/B D/A

full for an - y - one to drink.

Final refrain



Glo - ry and praise to our God, who a - lone gives
light to our days. Man - y are the
bless - ings he bears to those who trust in his ways.

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APOSTLES' CREED

Asst. Min.

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:

Asst. Min.

God of grace,

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

May 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.*

+ SHARING OUR GIFTS +

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.

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

OFFERING MUSIC

“God Bless America” words and music by Irving Berlin, Matt Osifchin, baritone

OFFERTORY

Please stand and sing.

Text and music: Dwight Liles

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We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our
lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

OFFERING PRAYER

Asst. Min.

Let us pray.

All

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.**

+ 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion will be offered by intinction. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

For those not comfortable receiving from those who are distributing the elements, a separate tray is available.

Anyone not comfortable receiving the bread or the wine is invited to come forward for a blessing. To receive a blessing, please cross your arms.

You are an important part of our faith community.

In Holy Communion we receive the true body and blood of Christ.



**COMMUNION
SONG**

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Here Is Bread

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1. Here is bread, here is wine. Christ is with us;
 2. Here is grace, here is peace. Christ is with us;
 3. Here we are, joined in one. Christ is with us;

he is with us. Break the bread, taste the wine;
 he is with us. Know his grace, find his peace;
 he is with us. We'll pro-claim till he comes

Christ is with us here. here.
 feast on Je - sus - fied.
 Je - sus cru - ci -

CHORUS

In this bread there is heal - ing; in this cup is
 life for - ev - er. In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it,
 Christ is with us here.

WORDS and MUSIC: Graham Kendrick

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Please stand.

Pastor The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
 All **Amen.**

PRAYER

Asst. Min. Let us pray. Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.
 All **Amen.**

+ THE SENDING +

BENEDICTION

Pastor

All

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, + one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

All sing.

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory



1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;
2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;
3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat.
with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me.



he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword:
Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!
As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,



his truth is march - ing on.
Our God is march - ing on.
while God is march - ing on.



Refrain
Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.



Text: Julia Ward Howe, 1819–1910
Music: BATTLE HYMN, North American, 19th cent.

DISMISSAL

Asst. Min.

All

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

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

Children are welcome in our worship. There is a children's worship bulletin for them. If you prefer, a nursery and/or childcare is available for children up to age 3 during all worship services.

Hearing help available: We have personal hearing amplification units available for your use. Please speak with the person at the sound board.

Church Phone: 703-356-3346

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Sunday Services

8:30 am for the traditional service and 11:00 am for the contemporary service

Next Sunday's Scripture:

Genesis 25:19-34

Psalms 65:[1-8] 9-13

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The flowers are given to the glory of God.

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