

+ Contemporary Worship +
At Redeemer Lutheran Church

10:30 am July 8, 2018

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



PRELUDE "Draw Me Close"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: O sing to the Lord a new song.

All: **Sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

Pastor: Sing to the Lord and bless his name.

All: **Make a joyful noise unto the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us break forth into joyous song and praise his name.

All: **Amen! Alleluia!**

SONG

Please stand and sing.

We bow down

C G/C C

You are Lord of cre - a - tion and Lord of my life,

G/C C

Lord of the land and the sea. You were Lord of the heav - ens be -

G/B Am F⁶ G C

fore there was time, and Lord of all lords you will be.

F⁶ C/E G G/B C

We bow down and we wor - ship you, Lord; we bow

F⁶ C/E G G/B C F⁶ C/E

down and we wor - ship you, Lord; we bow down and we

G Am Dm⁷ G C

wor - ship you, Lord; Lord of all lords you will be.

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Pastor: We are called to follow Christ. We are called to obey his commandment to love one another as he has loved us. 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 triune God. 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

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: **Amen.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

LESSON: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL VERSE
Please stand and sing.

What a mighty word God gives

D G D G

What a might - y Word God gives!

A/F# Bm⁷ Em⁷ A⁷ sus A⁷

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.

D/F# G D/A A⁷ D

What a might - y Word God gives!

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Music: anonymous
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Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.
People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.

¹[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.



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

SERMON

Sent

Pastor Sandy Kessinger

SONG OF THE DAY
Please stand and sing.

Matthew 25:34-40

Lord of Justice

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a tempo marking of quarter note = 104. The score consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are: "Lord of jus - tice, Lord of life, help us to do what you know is right. Lord of jus - tice, Lord of life, guide us through the day and night." The score then branches into two verses: "1. To the strang - er may we give wel - come; to the 2. To the wound - ed may we give heal - ing; to the hun - gry may we give bread. To the voice - less may we give words. To the nak - ed may we give cloth - ing, to the cap - tives may we give free - dom, to the home - less a place to lay their head. tor - tured re - lease from all the hurt." The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Lyrics:

Lord of jus - tice, Lord of life, help us to do what you
 know is right. Lord of jus - tice, Lord of life,
 guide us through the day and night.

1. To the strang - er may we give wel - come; to the
 2. To the wound - ed may we give heal - ing; to the

hun - gry may we give bread. To the
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home - less a place to lay their head.
 tor - tured re - lease from all the hurt.

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 OF THE PEOPLE

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

Assisting Minister: 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 all.
All: And also with you.

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

OFFERING MUSIC

'Here Am I' by Bob Kilpatrick

OFFERING SONG
Please stand and sing.

We bring the sacrifice of praise

Text and music: Kirk D

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "We bring the sac-ri-fice of praise in-to the house of the Lord; we bring the sac-ri-fice of praise in-to the house of the Lord. And we of-fer up to you the sac-ri-fic-es of thanks-giv-ing; and we of-fer up to you the sac-ri-fic-es of joy." The chords are: D, Em7, D2/F#, G, F#m7, G/A, D, Em7, D2/F#, Bm7, Em7, GM7/A, A, Dsus, D, D/F#, G, F#m7, Bm7, Em7, G/A, A7, D, Dsus/E, D/F#, D7, G, F#m7, Bm7, Em7, G/A, A7, D.

THE INVITATION

Assistant With the breaking of bread and sharing the cup, Jesus offered the disciples peace
Minister: 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 – eager but hesitant –
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.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All who are baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Those who are not baptized are invited to come forward for a blessing. Simply indicate this to the pastor when you come forward. Intinction is used – the wafer is retained and touched lightly either to the wine (red) or to the grape juice (white) that is in the chalice. Gluten-free wafers are available from the Pastor. You are invited to sing the communion song with the Praise Team singers.

COMMUNION SONG

On Eagle's Wings



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,



say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain
All



And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath on dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.



2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no



fear; un - der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.



3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by



day; thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.

Leader or All
3

4 For to the an-gels God's giv-en a com-mand to
guard you in all of your ways; up-on their hands they will
bear you up, lest you dash your foot a- gainst a stone.

Final refrain
All

And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath on dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.
And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

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Music: ON EAGLE'S WINGS, Michael Joncas
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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

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life.
In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you
and in fervent love toward one another;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

SENDING SONG

We Are Marching in the Light of God
Siyahamba

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the

nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - , kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of, the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba _____ oo _____
We are march - ing _____ oo _____

Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,
We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march-ing in the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of, the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba _____ oo _____
 We are march - ing _____ oo _____

Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,
 We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing,

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march-ing in the light of God.

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 Music: SIYAHAMBA, South African traditional; arr. *Freedom Is Coming*
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DISMISSAL

Assisting Minister: Go in peace, share the Good News!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

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

***Two Additional Readings for Today:
Please read before or after worship as a meditation piece .***

Ezekiel 2:1-5

In 597 BCE, the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.

¹[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me.
³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day.
⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD."
⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Psalm 123

¹To you I lift up my eyes,
to you enthroned in the heavens.
²As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show us your mercy.
³Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
⁴too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,
and of the derision of the proud.

If There Is a Theme

If any theme is consistent in the New Testament it is this: to know Jesus is to know God.

The mystery of God near us begins in the first books of the Bible. Adam and Eve, barely clad in fig leaves, hear the Lord God, creator of the heavens and the earth, walking in the Garden of Eden in an evening breeze (Gen. 3:8). Jacob, on the way to an uncertain reunion with his cheated brother, Esau, wrestles all night with an unnamed man. At dawn, Jacob says of him, "I have seen God face to face" (Gen. 32:30). Three unexpected visitors appear at Abraham's tent and stay for a dinnertime birth announcement that sets old lady Sarah laughing. One of the visitors was the Lord (Gen. 18:1-15). Moses faced a hidden God in the flames of a burning bush at Horeb (Exod. 3:1-6).

And it goes on like that through the pages of scripture; curious revelations and partial glimpses of God, until . . .

Jesus goes home. There, the way he teaches and the deeds of godlike power at first astound, but then quickly offend, the people. From the moment when a baby cried in a pile of Bethlehem straw and shabby shepherds ran to make known what they had seen, until the moment a withering body, nailed to a cross, cried out one last time and a Roman soldier shuddered with the recognition that "Truly this man was God's Son!" (Mark 15:39), the face of Jesus has scrambled and scandalized all the refined and suitable images of God.

If any theme is consistent in the New Testament it is this: we meet the extraordinary God in the ordinariness of Jesus, whose power is made perfect in weakness, who is the great I AM, always the I-will-be-who-I-will-be God.

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

Children are welcome in our worship. There is a special worship bulletin for them. Request one of our usher. Also there is a special cart of books in the back of the sanctuary. Your children are welcome to borrow books for the service. If you prefer, a nursery and/or childcare is available for children up to age 3 during all worship services. A pager is available from the nursery.



Visitors are invited to sign the red Attendance Book at the end of the pew.

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

Summer Sunday Services

10:30 am for the contemporary service and 9:00 am for the traditional service

Next Sunday's Scripture:

Amos 7:7-15 Psalm 85:8-13 Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29

+ ASSISTING IN WORSHIP +

Reader: Jim Kuhagen

Communion Assistants: Jim Kuhagen

Ushers: Paul Lettow and Israel Toviho

Chancel Care: Marti Hopley

Coffee Hour: Gerri Swarm

Others will faithfully serve as Assisting Minister