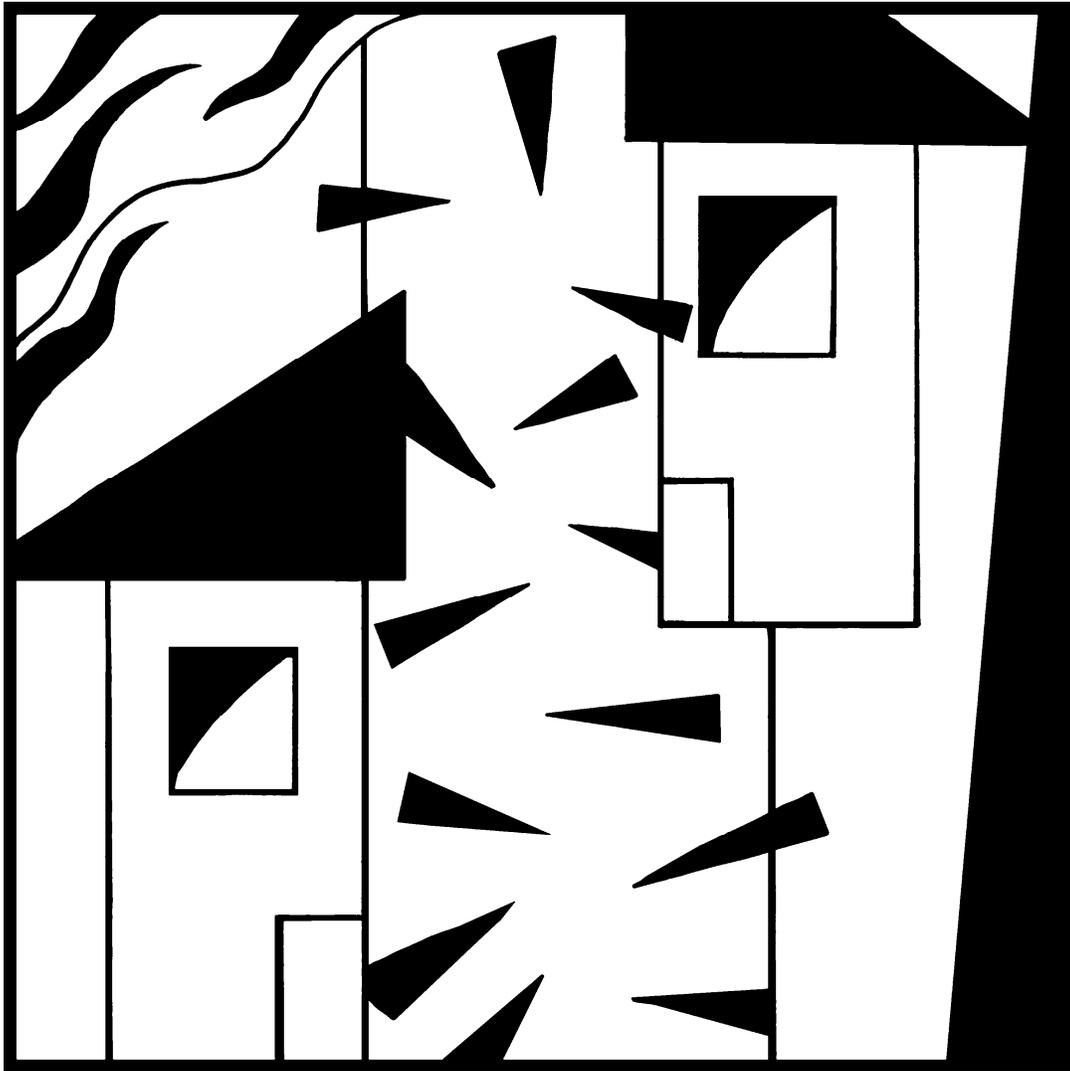


# Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

Our Mission: To share Christ's love with the greatest number of people.

Third Sunday after Pentecost, June 10, 2018  
The Service at 8:30 am



*A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are sisters and brothers of the Lord. With them we go forth in peace to do the will of God.*

### **Home for the Heartbreak**

The homecoming could not have been more heartbreaking. A father, near death, lay in a hospice bed that prophetically displaced the puffy cushioned pastel couch from the living room. A son, his own death in sight, stood, an alien, in the house where years before he played happily with no space to imagine the moment he now faced. It was their approaching deaths that drew the long-exiled son home. The fact that he was gay had created a distance far greater than the miles and years of separation. In such joyless space hello and goodbye twisted and tangled indistinguishably. The son's tears begged for reconciliation. "We are both dying, can we not make peace?" The father's spotlight glare confirmed rejection. "You are no son of mine."

Jesus' homecoming in today's gospel is surrounded by controversy and disruption on all sides. A pushing, shoving crowd peppered with an assortment of religious leaders insists that Jesus is out of his mind, evil, employed by the ruler of demons. His own mother and brothers choose their place outside, away. The hometown heartbreak confirms all the accumulated, bitter objections that ripened in the heat of fevered disapproval. Jesus' time spent in the company of outcasts, touching lepers, chasing demons, hanging close to the diseased, challenging the Pharisees' plots—all seems evidence that he is the skin and bones of an unclean spirit.

Rejected at home, Jesus does not turn family or himself away, but asks and answers one simple, provocative question: "Who are my mother and my brothers?" "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother" (Mark 3:33, 35). Jesus leaves them—and of course us—with the unspoken, lasting question: "And what is the will of God?"

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”, arranged by Thomas Gieschen

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Please stand.*

Deacon In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation **Amen**

Deacon Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation **Amen**

Deacon Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Deacon Most merciful God,

Congregation **have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we are in bondage to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.**

**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.**

**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.**

Pastor God, who is rich in mercy,  
loved us even when we were dead in sin,  
and made us alive together with Christ.  
By grace you have been saved.  
In the name of + Jesus Christ,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,  
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Congregation **Amen**

### THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Deacon The peace of Christ be with you always.

Congregation **And also with you.**

*The congregation may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say, "Peace be with you" or similar words.*

GATHERING HYMN #654

We invite you to turn and face the cross (as you are comfortable). Please turn to the front of the sanctuary after the cross has passed you. All sing.

The Church's One Foundation

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,  
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900  
 Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

Deacon           The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
                          and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation   **And also with you.**

**NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION**

*All sing.*

**Now the Feast and Celebration**

*Refrain*



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



*Refrain*  
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



*Refrain*  
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



*Refrain*  
God; to make all things new.

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Deacon           The Lord be with you.

Congregation   **And also with you.**

Deacon           Let us pray.

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Congregation   **Amen.**

*Please sit.*

**THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**THE WORD**

**Reading: Genesis 3:8-15**

*Immediately after Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit, they hide from God. Neither takes responsibility for their sin, instead blaming each other, the snake, and even God. The curse on the snake was understood as a messianic prophecy by the early church, who associated Eve’s “offspring” with Christ.*

<sup>8</sup>[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.<sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup>He said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup>He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.” <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said,

“The serpent tricked me, and I ate.” <sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,  
cursed are you among all animals  
and among all wild creatures;  
upon your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.

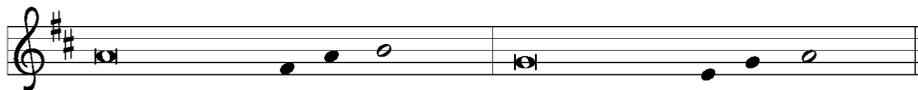
<sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will strike your head,  
and you will strike his heel.”

Reader           Word of God, word of life.

Congregation   **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 130

Congregation sings words in bold.



- <sup>1</sup>Out of the depths  
I cry to you, O LORD;
- <sup>2</sup>**O LORD, hear my voice!**  
**Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**
- <sup>3</sup>If you were to keep watch over sins,  
O LORD, who could stand?
- <sup>4</sup>**Yet with you is forgiveness,**  
**in order that you may be feared.**
- <sup>5</sup>I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;  
in your word is my hope.
- <sup>6</sup>**My soul waits for the Lord more than those**  
**who keep watch for the morning,**  
**more than those who keep watch for the morning.**
- <sup>7</sup>O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love;  
with the LORD there is plentiful redemption.
- <sup>8</sup>**For the LORD shall redeem Israel**  
**from all their sins.**

### Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1

*Life in the present is transitory and cannot compare with the eternal home God has prepared for us. So we do not despair no matter what life might bring because we know that as God raised Jesus from the dead, God promises to bring us into eternal life.*

### Chapter 4

<sup>13</sup>But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture — "I believed, and so I spoke" — we also believe, and so we speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup>because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

### Chapter 5

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Please stand and sing.*



The Gospel is announced.

Pastor

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

Congregation

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel: Mark 3:20–35**

*In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demon-possessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, sisters and brothers of Christ.*

<sup>20</sup>and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

<sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin" — <sup>30</sup>for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

<sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you."

<sup>33</sup>And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" <sup>34</sup>And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Pastor

The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

*Where Are You?*

*Pastor Sandy Kessinger*

**HYMN OF THE DAY #665**

*Please stand and*

**Rise, Shine, You People!**



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to  
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and  
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the  
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.  
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.  
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

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## APOSTLES' CREED

Deacon  
Congregation

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.  
**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:*

Assisting Minister  
Congregation

Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

*At the end of the prayer:*

Deacon  
Congregation

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

## OFFERING

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.  
**Please sign the red Attendance Book and pass it down the pew.***

## OFFERTORY

*“How Firm a Foundation” American Folk Tune arr. by John Rutter*

## COME TO THE TABLE

### OFFERTORY SONG

*Please stand and sing.*

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Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assisting Minister Let us pray.

**Congregation Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.  
Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:  
our selves, our time, and our possessions.  
Use us, and what we have gathered,  
in feeding the world with your love,  
through the one who gave himself for us,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Please stand.*

Pastor The Lord be with you.

Congregation **And also with you.**

Pastor Lift up your hearts,

Congregation **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

Congregation **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*All sing.*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

*Please be seated.*

*All sing.*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

**INVITATION TO COMMUNE**

## COMMUNION

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 Deacon when you come forward. You may take a small cup from the tray in the center aisle as you approach the altar, and the Communion assistants will fill your cup with wine (first chalice) or grape juice (second chalice). Or, you may use intinction, where the wafer is retained and touched lightly either to the wine (red) or to the grape juice (white). Gluten-free wafers are available from the Deacon.

## COMMUNION HYMN #342

All sing.

### There in God's Garden

1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,  
2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"  
3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;  
4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;

whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:  
There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;  
our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.  
hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!"

Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -  
see there the ten - drils of our hu - man -  
Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -  
Give me your sick - ness, give me all your

pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.  
self - hood feed on its life - blood.  
stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.  
sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

5 This is my ending,  
this my resurrection;  
into your hands, Lord,  
I commit my spirit.  
This have I searched for;  
now I can possess it.  
This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,  
"Thanks to Christ whose passion  
offers in mercy  
healing, strength, and pardon.  
Peoples and nations,  
take it, take it freely!"  
Amen! My Master!

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*Please stand.*

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

#### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Assisting Minister Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness,  
water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as  
witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through  
Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Congregation        **Amen**

# THE SENDING

## BLESSING

Pastor

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Congregation

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN #856

*Please follow the cross, turning toward the cross as it passes by your pew. As the cross leads, so Christ leads us out into the community to share Christ's love.*

*All sing.*

## How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er  
2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the  
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to  
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y  
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain  
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly  
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-



thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;  
gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;  
bear-ing he bled and died to take a-way my sin;  
ra-tion and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"



Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to  
 thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

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**DISMISSAL**

Assisting Minister Go in peace. Share the good news.

Congregation **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** Processional - John Stanley

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

# Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

**Children** are welcome in our worship. There is a children's worship bulletin for them. Also, a special cart of books is in the back of the nave. 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.

## *Sunday Services*

*9:45 am for the contemporary service and 8:30 and 11 am for traditional services*

Next Sunday's Scripture: Ezekiel 17:22-24 Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13) 14-17 Mark 4:26-34

### **Assisting with Worship at 8:30**

Reader: Scotty Skotzko

Cantor: Chris Tribié

Ushers: Steve Lancaster and Nate Paukovits

Chancel Care: Paula Nassen Poulos

Coffee Hour: Gerri Swarm

Others will faithfully serve as Assisting Minister, Communion Assistants and Acolyte/Crucifer

*Today we are using Setting 3 from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal.*

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