

+ Contemporary Worship +
At Redeemer Lutheran Church

10:30 am June 25, 2023

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



+ WELCOME TO WORSHIP +

Based on Psalm 69

Pastor This is our prayer to you, O God,
All In your great mercy, answer us with your unfailing help.

Pastor With your faithful help rescue us from sinking.
All We are weary as we wait for our Lord.

Pastor Answer us, O Lord, for your steadfast love is good.
All According to your abundant mercy, turn to us.

Pastor Draw near to us and redeem us.
**All We sing our praises to you, O God,
 and we magnify your holy name.**

GATHERING SONG

I Believe In Jesus

Marc Nelson

I ——— be - lieve in Je - sus, ———
I ——— be - lieve in You, Lord. ———

I be - lieve He is the Son of God.
I be - lieve You are the Son of God.

I be - lieve He died and rose a - gain,
I be - lieve You died and rose a - gain,

I be - lieve He paid for us all.
I be - lieve You paid for us all.

And I be - lieve that He's here now, ———
And I be - lieve that You're here now, ———

stand - ing in our midst.

Here with the pow - er to heal now, ———

and the grace to for - give. give.

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

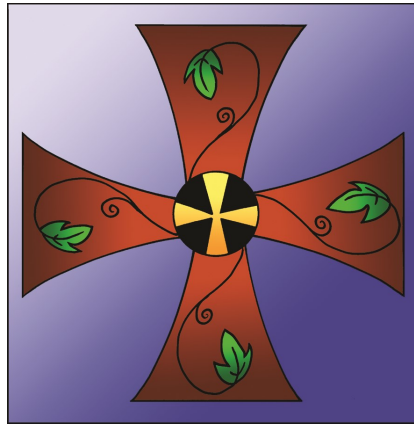
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray.
Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



+ THE WORD +

Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13

Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God's hands.

O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.
For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
If I say, "I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.

For I hear many whispering:
 "Terror is all around!
 Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
 All my close friends
 are watching for me to stumble.
 "Perhaps he can be enticed,
 and we can prevail against him,
 and take our revenge on him."
 But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior;
 therefore my persecutors will stumble,
 and they will not prevail.
 They will be greatly shamed,
 for they will not succeed.
 Their eternal dishonor
 will never be forgotten.
 O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous,
 you see the heart and the mind;
 let me see your retribution upon them,
 for to you I have committed my cause.
 Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD!
 For he has delivered the life of the needy
 from the hands of evildoers.

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

Reading: Romans 6:1b-11

In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death. Our lives in the present are marked and shaped by his crucifixion, just as our lives in the future will be marked and shaped by his resurrection.

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

Please stand and sing.

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Ken Medema

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.

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

Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39

Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition, requiring absolute trust in God and an unswerving commitment to their Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

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

SERMON

Commitment
Pastor Sandy Kessinger

Please stand and sing. Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of St. Francis

Text: Sebastian Temple
Music: PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS, Sebastian Temple



1 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.
2 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.
4 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.



Where there is ha - tred, let me bring your love;
Where there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope;
It is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned,



where there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord;
where there is dark - ness, on - ly light;
in giv - ing of our - selves that we re -



and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
and where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.



3 O Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek so



much to be con - soled as to con - sole, to be



un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, to be



loved as to love with all my soul.



ceive, and in dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.

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, 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 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

+ SHARING OUR GIFTS +

OFFERING

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.
Offering plates are found at the front of the worship space by the baptismal font and in the
back of the church as you leave our worship space. Please give as you are able.*

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

OFFERING MUSIC

"Mission's Flame" words and music by Matt Redman

OFFERTORY

Please stand and sing.

We are an offering

Text and music: Dwight Liles

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The musical notation is written on two staves. The first staff contains the first line of the song, with chords G, C², Dm⁷, C²/E, and C/E written above the notes. The lyrics 'We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our' are written below the staff. The second staff contains the second line of the song, with chords F, C/E, Dm⁷, Dm⁷/G, and C written above the notes. The lyrics 'lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.' are written below the staff. The music is in treble clef and 4/4 time.

OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor

Let us pray.

All

**Holy God, you abide with your creation
and in Jesus Christ, you gather us at your table.
As you stayed with your disciples for an evening meal,
so now stay with us.
As we receive these gifts of bread and wine,
open our hearts to share what we have received,
the abiding love of Jesus, our risen Savior.
Amen.**

+ COME TO THE TABLE +

Pastor

Friends in Christ, this joyful feast unites us.
God has gathered all his people from around the world to commune at his table.

All

**And so we come from the East
and from the West,
from the North
and from the South.**

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.

Broken for Me

Text: Janet Lunt
Music: BROKEN FOR ME, Janet Lunt

Refrain



Bro - ken for me, bro - ken for you;



the bod - y of Je - sus bro - ken for you.

1 He of - fered his bod - y, he poured out his soul;
2 Come to my ta - ble and with me dine;
3 This is my bod - y giv - en for you;
4 This is my blood . . . I shed for you;

Refrain



Je - sus was bro - ken that we might be whole.
eat of my bread . . . and drink of my wine.
eat it, re - mem - b'ring I died for you.
for your for - give - ness, mak - ing you new.

Final refrain



Bro - ken for me, bro - ken for you;



the bod - y of Je - sus bro - ken for you.

Please stand.

Pastor

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

All

Amen.

PRAYER

Asst. Min.

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.

Go, Make Disciples

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, using quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The score ends with a double bar line.

“Go, make dis - ci - ples, bap - tiz - ing them, teach - ing them.

Go, make dis - ci - ples, for I am with you till the end of time.

Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world.

Go, be a cit - y on a hill, so all can see that you’re

serv - ing me. Go, make dis - ci - ples.”

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950

Music: GO, MAKE DISCIPLES, Handt Hanson

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DISMISSAL

Asst. Min.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

All

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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for fellowship and refreshments.*

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

Children are welcome in our worship.

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Summer Sunday Services

***June 18-July 16: 9 am Traditional service and 10:30 am Contemporary service
July 23-August 20: 9 am Contemporary service and 10:30 am Traditional service***

Next Sunday's Scripture:

Jeremiah 28:5-9 Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:40-42

Evil? I Renounce It!

The service of Holy Baptism asks baptismal candidates, parents, and sponsors to reject sin in a series of renunciations:

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Those assembled respond: "I renounce them!" (ELW, p. 229)

In today's gospel, Jesus warns the disciples about what sorts of evil, risks, and divisions may be ahead for them. Discipleship has already cost them their intended vocations, and the road ahead includes conflicts that will split families and may cost them their lives. Such was the reality in ancient days when taking on Roman authority.

Today, risks for living out faith still exist, especially in countries without freedom of religion. But most of us have difficulty imagining what resistance to our faith would look like. One look at the morning news reminds us that evil is rampant in our world. We resist evil when we raise our voices against violence, when we march against inequality, when we welcome and house the stranger new to our country and community, and when we fight for the rights of Black and brown and LGBTQ+ siblings. Some among us tackle systemic racism and corruption in workplaces and institutions—often at great risk.

This passage from Matthew is difficult and disturbing, yet there is gospel in it. Jesus tells those who follow him not to fear, and that we undertake this mission of mercy with vulnerability and dependence on a most gracious God. Amid the risks, despite the uncertainty, the gospel is to be proclaimed "in the light" and "from the housetops" (Matthew 10:27), for it is the most powerful tool we have against the evil of this world.

The flowers are given to the glory of God

and in memory of our son, Adam, given by Hamilton and Judy Loving

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