

+ Contemporary Worship +
At Redeemer Lutheran Church

9:45 am May 21, 2023

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



+ WELCOME TO WORSHIP +

Based on Psalm 68

Pastor Let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
All Let them be merry and joyful.

Pastor Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
All Sing praises to the Lord.

Pastor Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel;
All Whose strength is in the skies.

Pastor How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel.
All Give strength and power to your people!

Pastor Blessed be God! Amen! Alleluia!

GATHERING SONG

Your Everlasting Love

Isaiah 54:8-10

WORDS and MUSIC: Bill Batstone

$\text{♩} = 132$

1. Your ev - er - last - ing love is high - er,
 (2.) - er - last - ing love is deep - er,
 (3.) - er - last - ing love is reach - ing,

high - er,
 deep - er,
 reach - ing,

high - er than the sky. Your ev -
 deep - er than the sea. Your ev -
 reach - ing out to me. Your ev -

er - last - ing love is high - er,
 er - last - ing love is deep - er,
 er - last - ing love is reach - ing,

high - er,
 deep - er,
 reach - ing,

high - er than the
 deep - er than the
 reach - ing out to

sky,
 sea,
 me,

high - er than the sky.
 deep - er than the sea.
 reach - ing out to me.

Oh, the won - der of your ev - er - last - ing love is high - er than the
 Oh, the won - der of your ev - er - last - ing love is deep - er than the
 Oh, the won - der of your ev - er - last - ing love is reach - ing out to

sky.
 sea.
 me.

2. Your ev -
3. Your ev -

*Last time
 F end here*

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

Please stand and sing.

I Love You, Lord

The musical score for 'I Love You, Lord' is written in 4/4 time with a tempo of 108. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The melody is on a single staff. The lyrics are: 'I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to wor - ship you, O my soul re - joice. Take joy, O God, in what you hear, may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.' The score includes various chords: F, Gm7/F, F, Bb, F/A, Gm7, F/A, C7sus, C, Bb/D C/E, F, Gm7/F, F, F7, Bb, F/A, Fsus/G, C7, Bb/F, and F.

WORDS and MUSIC: Laurie Klein

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray.
O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

+ THE WORD +

Reading: Acts 1:6-14

Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension.

When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others, because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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

Please stand and sing.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah



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

Gospel: John 17:1-11

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

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

SERMON

Devoting Themselves to Prayer
Pastor Sandy Kessinger

Please stand and sing.

Great is the Lord

C Dm G/B C

Great is the Lord, he is ho - ly and just, by his

F/A G F C/E Dm⁷ C C Dm

pow - er we trust in his love. Great is the Lord, he is

G/B C F/A G

faith - ful and true, by his mer - cy he proves he is

F C/E Dm⁷ C Bb/C F/C Bb/C F C/E Dm⁷ C

love. Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of glo - ry.

Bb/C F/C Bb/C G/C C Bb/C F/C Bb/C

Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of praise. Great is the Lord, now

D G E Am Dm Gsus G

lift up your voice, now lift up your voice: Great is the

Am Am⁷/G Dm Gsus G C Csus C

Lord! Great is the Lord!

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APOSTLES' CREED

Asst. Min.

All

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:

Asst. Min.

All

At the end of the prayer:

Pastor

All

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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

Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S PEACE

Pastor

All

May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

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

"The Wonderful Cross" by Chris Tomlin

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 in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the song, with lyrics 'We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our'. The second staff contains the melody for the second line, with lyrics 'lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.' Chord symbols are placed above the notes: G, C², Dm⁷, C²/E, C/E on the first staff; F, C/E, Dm⁷, Dm⁷/G, C on the second staff. There are triplets of eighth notes in the second staff.

OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor

Let us pray.

All

Holy God, in this meal you offer your very self.

**We give thanks for these gifts
that come from your creation.**

**In the breaking of this bread
reveal to us the Risen One.**

**In the pouring of this wine
pour us out in service to the world,
through Christ our Lord. 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.*

Broken for Me

All sing.

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.

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

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 for 'Go, Make Disciples' is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: '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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Hearing help available: We have for your use personal hearing amplification units available in the narthex.

Sunday Services

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

Next Sunday's Scripture:

Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 John 20:19-23

God Doesn't Do Magic

It happens in the movies all the time: just as we are made to believe that all hope is lost and evil will triumph, suddenly the hero discovers a mystical phrase that will give him supernatural strength to defeat the enemy. Or the heroine finds a charmed sword that gives her the power to do the same. Believing in movie magic can be a welcome respite from the grind of everyday life. Knowing an enchanted word that keeps us impervious to harm sounds incredible—who wouldn't want that? Those moments may work in the movies, but they don't happen in real life.

Don't confuse Jesus' words in today's gospel with a magic spell or incantation. As Jesus prays for his disciples, he knows the suffering they will soon endure because they have come to believe in him. There is no way to avert what they will undergo; each one of his disciples is headed toward a certain and painful death, just as Jesus is. Jesus knows these things cannot be prevented, but that isn't the point of his prayer.

Being in the world means bad things will happen to us. Crosses aren't special charms that keep evil away, and wearing one won't keep you from harm. Tragedies take place, people get sick, bullies victimize, the innocent get blamed. There are no magic words to prevent hardships or disasters. When Jesus prays for the Father to protect those who belong to him, he isn't asking God to keep those bad things from happening. The name of God was never intended to create force fields around us keeping bad things out. God and the one who comes in God's name make us one together with them. In this unity, life always triumphs in the end.

The flowers are given to the glory of God.

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