

+ Contemporary Worship +
At Redeemer Lutheran Church

9:45 am October 1, 2023

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



Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

+ WELCOME TO WORSHIP +

PRELUDE

GATHERING SONG

Let Everything (Praise The Lord)

(based on the recording by Pat Barrett | original key - F)

Words and Music by
Pat Barrett, Ben Smith, Daniel Bashta,
Sean Feucht and Jason Ingram

CHORUS 1a

$\text{♩} = 116$ Dm7 B \flat 2 F

Let ev - 'ry - thing that has breath praise the Lord. Let ev - 'ry -

5 Dm7 B \flat 2 F C(4)

thing that has breath praise the Lord, praise the Lord. With all of my heart, with

10 Dm7 F/A B \flat 2 Dm7

all of my strength, with all that I have, I will sing. Let ev - 'ry - thing that has

VERSE

14 B \flat 2 F F

breath praise the Lord. 1. There is a riv - er that
2. Morn ing by morn - ing, Your

18 B \flat 2(no3)

flows un - re - strained from Your heart, can - yons of mer - cy so
faith - ful - ness shines like the sun. Heav - en's on fi - re, a -

PRE-CHORUS

22 C(4)

deep I could nev - er de - part. Fa - ther, Your won - ders are end - less.
live with the bril - liance of love.

CHORUS 1b

27 Dm7 Bb2(no3) F Dm7
 O - pen my eyes to be - lieve. A - wake my soul. Let ev - 'ry - thing that has

32 Bb2 F Dm7 Bb2
 breath praise the Lord. Let ev - 'ry - thing that has breath praise the

37 F C(4) Dm7
 Lord, praise the Lord. With all of my heart, with all of my strength, with

41 F/A Bb2 Dm7 Bb2
 all that I have, I will sing. Let ev - 'ry - thing that has breath praise the

TURNAROUND

45 F Dm7 Bb2(no3) F
 Last time to Coda Φ
 Lord.

50 Csus Dm7 Bb2(no3) F Csus
 Lord.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalms of Praise

Pastor Hallelujah! We sing our praises to God!

All **We lift high our praise of God
and bless God's holy name.**

Pastor God is filled with mercy and grace, not quick to anger and rich in love.

All **God is good to one and all;
everything God does is filled with grace.**

Pastor Let us sing to God a brand-new song.

All **Let us praise God from the mountaintops
and for all eternity.**

Pastor Let us praise God in this house of worship.

All **Let every living, breathing creature praise God!**

SONG OF PRAISE

Please stand and sing.

Thy Word

The musical score for 'Thy Word' is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff has the lyrics 'Thy word, thy word is a lamp un-to my feet.' The second staff has 'Thy word, oh, thy word is a lamp un-to my'. The third staff has 'feet; and a light un-to my path, and a light un-to my'. The fourth staff has 'path.' followed by a repeat sign. Above the repeat sign is a bracket labeled 'To repeat' and below it is a bracket labeled 'Last time'. The lyrics for the repeat are 'path, and a light un-to my path.'

Thy word, thy word is a lamp un-to my feet.

Thy word, oh, thy word is a lamp un-to my

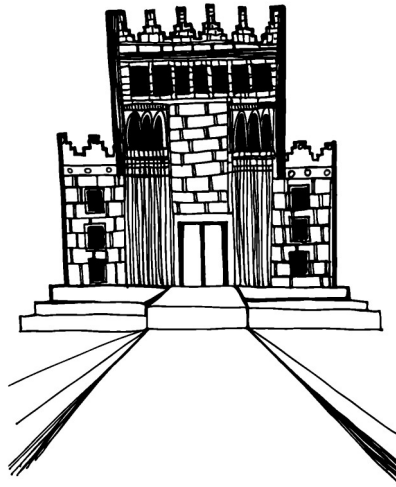
feet; and a light un-to my path, and a light un-to my

path. *To repeat* *Last time* path, and a light un-to my path.

Text: Psalm 119:105

Music: THY WORD, Richard Webb

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Pastor Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I will be among them." Christ is here, in our hearts and souls as we gather for worship. Christ is here, to heal and redeem. Let us open our hearts and minds for God's healing ministry!

Silence and reflection

Pastor Most merciful God,
**All come into our lives,
come and heal what is broken,
correct what is against your will,
bless what is small and tender, uncertain and in need of growth.
Come into our lives and anoint our community
that we may serve you with an open heart.**

Pastor The God of truth who renews us in body, mind and soul, grant us insight, foresight and a desire to follow the path of Christ whose compassion is beyond compare. In Christ, God is always making a new way for us. In the name of our Triune God – the Father, Son +, and Holy Spirit your sins are forgiven.
All Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray.
God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
All Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

+ THE WORD +

Reading: Psalm 25:1-8

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
O my God, in you I trust;
do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.
Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.
Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O LORD!
Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

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

Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

Please stand and sing.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah



Music: Caribbean traditional

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

Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

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

SERMON

In You I Trust *Pastor Sandy Kessinger*

SONG OF THE DAY

Please stand and sing.

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Thy word



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.



1 When I feel a-fraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right be -



side me, and noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near.



Please be near me to the end.



2 I will not for-get your love for me, and yet my heart for-ev-er is



wan-der-ing. Je-sus, be my guide and hold me to your side, and



I will love you to the end.

Text: Psalm 119:105, refrain: Michael W. Smith, stanzas
Music: Amy Grant
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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — 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.

Merciful God,

All

receive 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

OFFERING

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.
Please give as you are able.*

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

+ SHARING OUR GIFTS +

ANTHEM

"Shout to the Lord" by Darlene Zschech

OFFERING SONG

Seed Scattered And Sown

(as published by International Liturgy Publications)

*Words and Music by
Dan Feiten*

REFRAIN

Seed, scat - tered and sown, wheat gath - ered and grown, bread, bro - ken and
shared as one, the Liv - ing Bread of God. Vine, fruit of the land, wine, work of our
hands, one cup that is shared by all; the Liv - ing Cup, the Liv - ing Bread of God.

OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor Let us pray.
**All God of field and forest,
 sea and sky,
 you are the giver of all good things.
 Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,
 and multiply your grace in us,
 that the world may be fed with your love,
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
 Amen.**

+ THE MEAL +

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.

Pastor God, you are before all things;
 You are beyond all things;
 And in the midst of all things and all peoples
 you have made yourself known.

In Israel's ancient codes and prophetic oracles,
in stories of women and men,
of communities and nations
seeking identity,
feeling their strength,
and struggling with their weakness
you have made yourself known.

In Jesus of Nazareth,
in compassion for the outcast,
forgiveness for the fallen,
hope for the poor and hungry;
in his life poured out for others
and broken in rejection and disdain
you have made yourself known.

Pastor Therefore we join our praises
with countless men and women before us,
disciples and apostles,
saints and martyrs,
acclaiming your power in goodness
and your might in compassion,
as we say:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest.**

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.
Please sit.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION


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.


COMMUNION SONG
All sing.

Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup


Refrain



Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the good-ness of God.




Bread of life, cup of love, we re-joice in your pres-ence.



1 I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice;
2 Look up - on the Lord, be ra - dant, nev - er turn a - way.
3 An - gels fold their wings a - round us, guard through good and ill.
4 Saints of God, bow down and wor - ship, bless the ho - ly name.

Refrain



in my God I glo - ry for - ev - er: lis - ten and re - joice!
God will save in ev - 'ry af - flic - tion, hear us when we pray.
Those who seek the Lord will lack noth-ing; taste, and have your fill.
Rise to tell God's great-ness for - ev - er, won-drous deeds pro - claim!

Text: Jeremy Young, b. 1948, refrain; *With One Voice*, stanzas, based on Ps. 34
Music: STONERIDGE, Jeremy Young
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TABLE BLESSING

Please stand.

Pastor Through Christ all God's people are made whole: may Christ's body and blood
strengthen you and fill your life with the joy and peace that only Christ can offer.

All Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Asst. Min. Let us pray.
We thank you, generous God,
for the refreshment we have received
at your banquet table.
Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,
through the one who is our dearest treasure,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All Amen.

**+ THE SENDING +****BLESSING**

Pastor The God who calls across the cosmos
and speaks in the smallest seed
bless, keep, and sustain you
now and to the end of the age
in the name of the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

SENDING SONG
All sing.

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona

Refrain— sung twice each time

Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our

bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your

End

ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

Repeat stanza, then sing refrain

I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

Text: South African; tr. *Freedom Is Coming*, 1984
Music: HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA, South African; arr. *Freedom Is Coming*
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DISMISSAL

Asst. Min. Go in peace. Share Christ's love.
All **Thanks be to God.**

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

Change for the Better

Public officials routinely get drilled about changing their minds, especially around reelection time. One's past pledges as a political candidate are not easily left behind or forgotten. Earlier promises are often used to measure one's moral character in light of one's actual voting record. A change in opinion can be viewed with suspicion or lead to accusations of hypocrisy. We want consistency. Above all, we want to know that we can trust others to follow through on their word. This is understandable.

Unfortunately, such political norms don't often allow for the power of changing one's mind. Jesus' parable of the two sons suggests that a change in heart can in fact be a sign of deeper listening and transformation. Conversely, a refusal to change can leave us stalled on our spiritual journeys. In this way, "flip-flopping" might not always be a bad thing but rather might indicate our faithfulness to God's ongoing role in our lives.

God's promises in baptism make such change possible. Martin Luther encouraged that we daily return to our baptism. Every day God's grace frees us to admit the possibility that we have previously been or done wrong, or perhaps simply haven't been able to see the whole picture before. Grace also affords us the chance to allow that anyone can be transformed in ways previously thought impossible or unexpected. The promises that God makes in baptism open the door not only for us but for everyone else too. We can learn perhaps to trust not in consistency but in the endless possibilities for change and growth. Sometimes a change in opinion goes only as far as what we think will be most popular. But changing our mind, when done in a spirit of authentic discernment and from the heart, can be transformative. It might even open us to the kingdom of God in ways unknown before.

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

Children are welcome in our worship.

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***Redeemer's Sunday worship schedule is:
8:30 and 11 am - Traditional Services 9:45 am - Contemporary Service***

Next Sunday's Scripture:

Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:7-15 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46

*The flowers are given to the glory of God
by Karen and Don Miller in celebration of Max's 25th birthday, and
in celebration of the Holy Matrimony of Michelle Kwak and Johnathan Kim.*

Creed written by Andreas Wagner Eucharistic Prayer written by Samuel Wells

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