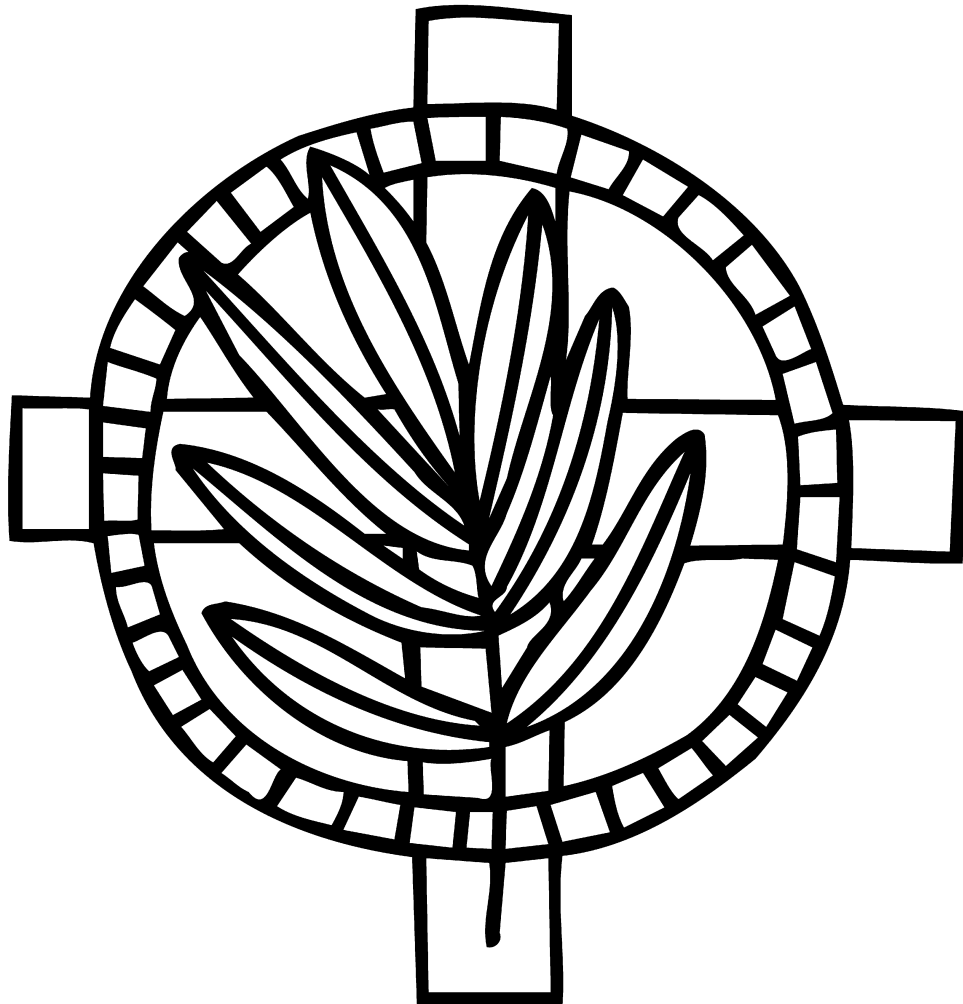


+ Contemporary Worship +
At Redeemer Lutheran Church

9:45 am September 3, 2023

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



The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

+ WELCOME TO WORSHIP +

PRELUDE

GATHERING SONG

Here I Am To Worship

Words and Music by
Tim Hughes

VERSE

$\text{♩} = 75$

E Bsus F#m E Bsus

1. Light of the world, You stepped down in - to dark - ness, o - pened my eyes, let me
2. King of all days, oh so high - ly ex - alt - ed, glo - rious in heav - en a -

A2(no3) E Bsus F#m E Bsus

see. Beau - ty that made this heart a - dore You, hope of a life spent with
bove. Hum - bly You came to the earth You cre - a - ted, all for love's sake be - came

CHORUS

A2(no3) B7sus E B/D#

You. So, here I am to wor - ship, here I am to bow down, here I am to
poor.

E/G# A E

say that You're my God. And You're al - to - geth - er love - ly, al - to - geth - er

B/D# E/G# Last time to Coda A A2(no3) A

wor - thy, al - to - geth - er won - der - ful to me. And I'll nev -

BRIDGE

1

B/D# E/G# A B/D# E/G# A

er know how much it cost to see my sin up - on that cross. And I'll nev

2

A

24

B7sus *D.S. al Coda*

that cross. So, here I am to

26

A Coda

A2(no3)

E

Coda

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' covering the first measure of the repeat. Above the second measure of the repeat is a bracket labeled 'Last time'. The lyrics for the second measure of 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. 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 power!

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—we are forgiven.
All Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray.
O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
All Amen.

+ THE WORD +

Reading: Psalm 26:1-8

Vindicate me , O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity;
and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.
Prove me, O Lord, and try me;
test my heart and mind.
For your steadfast love is before my eyes;
and I walk in faithfulness to you.
I do not sit with the worthless,
nor do I consort with hypocrites;
I hate the company of evildoers,
and I will not sit with the wicked.
I wash my hands in innocence,
and go around your altar,
O Lord, singing aloud a song of thanksgiving,
and telling all your wonderful deeds.
O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell,
and the place where your glory abides.

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

Reading: Romans 12:9-21

“Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

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 16:21-28

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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

SERMON

***Test Our Hearts and Minds
Pastor Sandy Kessinger***

SONG OF THE DAY
Please stand and sing.

Taste and See

Refrain – All



Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,



taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Leader or All



1 I will bless the Lord at all times.
 2 Glo - ri - fy the Lord with . . . me.
 3 Wor-ship . . . the Lord, all you peo-ple.



Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;
 To - geth - er let us all praise God's name.
 You'll want for noth - ing . . . if you ask.



my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord;
 I called the Lord, . . who an - swered me;
 Taste and see . . . that the Lord is good;

Refrain



for God has been so good to me.
 from all my trou - bles I was set free.
 in God we need put all our trust.

Text: James E. Moore Jr., b. 1951, based on Ps. 34

Music: TASTE AND SEE, James E. Moore Jr.

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — 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

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

Pastor

Hear us, O God.

All

Your mercy is great.

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

“For Your Glory” by Matt Maher

OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor Let us pray.
 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.

All **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 others,
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 others 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.

O Redeeming One

Luke 1:68–69, 78–79

♩ = 80

F Maj7 D m7 G7 C F2 C

1. Je - sus, you are light in the dark - est place; in a
2. Je - sus, you are hope in a hope - less land; you're my
3. Je - sus, you are truth in a world turned grey; you're the

Am F D m7 G2

world of sor - row you're my song of praise. You're the
so - lid rock when there's sink - ing sand. You're my
lamp that guides all a - long the way. Though I

C F2 C

sac - ri - fice that has saved my soul; you're the
shel - ter from eve - ry troub - led storm; in the
fall in sin, still you pick me up; when I

F G F2 C

heal - ing balm that has made me whole. O re -
cold - est night your love keeps me warm.
thirst for you, you will fill my cup.

F2 F C F2 F C Am F

deem - ing one! You have set me free, for you know me well, yet you

D m7 G F2 F C Am F

still love me. I will sing your praise 'til your face I see!

C G F2

Then I'll be with you, and you'll be with me. me.

WORDS and MUSIC: Dan Adler

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TABLE BLESSING

Please stand.

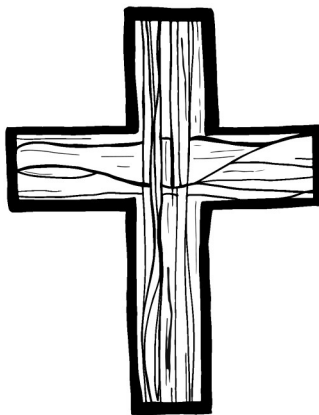
Pastor Through Christ all God's people are made whole: may Christ's body and blood strengthen you and fill your life with the joy and peace that only Christ can offer.

All **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor 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.

Shine Jesus Shine

Words and Music by
Graham Kendrick

VERSE

♩ = 112 A Asus A E/A A Asus



1. Lord, the light of Your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
2. Lord, I come to Your awe - some pres - ence, from the shad - ows in -
3. As we gaze on Your king - ly bright - ness, so our fac - es dis -

4 A E/A D E/D C#m F#m



dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the world, shine up - on us,
to Your rad - i - ance; By the blood I may en - ter Your bright - ness,
play Your like - ness; Ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

7 D E/D C#m F#m G Esus E G



set us free by the truth You now bring us. Shine on me, shine on
search me, try me, con - sume all my dark - ness. Shine on me, shine on
mir - rored here may our lives tell Your sto - ry. Shine on me, shine on

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CHORUS

12 Esus E A E/A A D A/C# Bm Bm/A Esus E A E/A A D

me. Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry; Blaze Spir - it, blaze, me. me.

18 A/C# Bm Bm/A G Esus E A E/A A D A/C# Bm Bm/A

set our hearts on fire. Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with

INSTRUMENTAL

24 Esus E A E/A A D A/C# Bm E7 A D/A E/A D/A

grace and mer - cy; Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.

DISMISSAL

Pastor 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.*

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.

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

Next Sunday's Scripture:

Ezekiel 33:7-11 Psalm 119:33-40 Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20

The flowers are given to the glory of God.

Confession written by Andreas Wagner Eucharistic Prayer written by Samuel Wells
Scripture from The Message Bible

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