

To Win and Keep Souls for Christ

*Redeemer Lutheran Church*

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# Welcome to Redeemer Lutheran Church

Welcome to Worship, Fellowship and Christian Education!  
We invite you to worship with us each Sunday at 10:30 AM.  
Our Sunday Education & Bible Classes begin at 9:15 AM.  
Lenten Worship Services ~ Wednesday evenings at 7 PM.

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Before communing, we follow our Lord's directions and examine ourselves as it says in I Corinthians 11. We ask ourselves:

Am I baptized and do I believe in Jesus as my Savior?

Do I admit I am a sinner in need of forgiveness?

Am I ready and willing to repent of my sin, to turn away from it, and with God's help intentionally try to live in a way which pleases Him?

Have I forgiven everyone who has sinned against me?

Am I free of all grudges?

Do I believe in His presence, that I am receiving Jesus' Body and Blood as He says?

Do I believe His promise that if I confess my sins, He will forgive me completely?

If you respond in a positive manner to these questions and feel led by the Holy Spirit to commune then receive the Holy Supper Jesus offers.

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**Please come forward and receive the mark of the ashes**  
**during the preservice music.**



Prayer Before Worship:

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

## **Our Worship Service:**

Officiant: Rev. Robert Spilman

Communion Assistant: Earl Pierce

**Opening Hymn #606 from our Lutheran Service Book**

### **"I Lay My Sins On Jesus"**

I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;  
He bears them all and frees us From the accursed load.

I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains  
Clean in His blood most precious Till not a spot remains.

I lay my wants on Jesus; All fullness dwells in Him;  
He heals all my diseases; My soul He does redeem.

I lay my griefs on Jesus, My burdens and my cares;  
He from them all releases; He all my sorrows shares.

I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine;  
His right hand me embraces; I on His breast recline.

I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;  
Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.

## Opening Litany ~

P: O Lord, open my lips,

**C: and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

**C: Make haste to help me, O Lord. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.**

## Our Introit, from Psalm 51 ~

P: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart,  
O God, You will not despise.

**C: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;  
according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

P: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

**C: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**

P: Create in me a clean heart, O God and renew a right spirit within me.

**C: Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

## Hymn #580 from our Lutheran Service Book **“The Gospel Shows The Father’s Grace”** verses 1, 3, 6

The Gospel shows the Father’s grace,  
Who sent His Son to save our race,  
Proclaims how Jesus lived and died  
That we might thus be justified.

It brings the Savior's righteousness  
To robe our souls in royal dress;  
From all our guilt it brings release  
And gives the troubled conscience peace.

May we in faith its message learn  
Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;  
May we in faith its truth confess  
And praise the Lord, our righteousness.

## **Readings from Holy Scripture ~**

### **Joel 2:12-19**

<sup>12</sup>"Even now," declares the Lord,  
"return to me with all your heart,  
with fasting and weeping and mourning."

<sup>13</sup>Rend your heart  
and not your garments.  
Return to the Lord your God,  
for he is gracious and compassionate,  
slow to anger and abounding in love,  
and he relents from sending calamity.

<sup>14</sup>Who knows? He may turn and relent  
and leave behind a blessing --  
grain offerings and drink offerings  
for the Lord your God.

<sup>15</sup>Blow the trumpet in Zion,  
declare a holy fast,  
call a sacred assembly.

<sup>16</sup>Gather the people,  
consecrate the assembly;  
bring together the elders,  
gather the children,  
those nursing at the breast.

Let the bridegroom leave his room  
and the bride her chamber.

<sup>17</sup>Let the priests, who minister before the Lord,  
weep between the portico and the altar.  
Let them say, "Spare your people, Lord.  
Do not make your inheritance an object of scorn,  
a byword among the nations.  
Why should they say among the peoples,  
'Where is their God?' "

<sup>18</sup>Then the Lord was jealous for his land  
and took pity on his people.

<sup>19</sup>The Lord replied to them:  
"I am sending you grain, new wine and olive oil,  
enough to satisfy you fully;  
never again will I make you  
an object of scorn to the nations.

Reader: O Lord, have mercy on us.     **C:Thanks be to God.**

## **II Corinthians 5:20b – 6:10**

<sup>20b</sup>We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**6**     <sup>1</sup>As God's co-workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain.     <sup>2</sup>For he says,

"In the time of my favor I heard you,  
and in the day of salvation I helped you."

I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.

<sup>3</sup>We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited. <sup>4</sup>Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships, and

distresses; <sup>5</sup>in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; <sup>6</sup>in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; <sup>7</sup>in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; <sup>8</sup>through glory and dishonor, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as imposters; <sup>9</sup>known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

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## **The Gospel ~**

### **Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21**

<sup>1</sup>”Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

<sup>2</sup>So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. <sup>3</sup>But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”

<sup>5</sup>”And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. <sup>6</sup>But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

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<sup>16</sup>”When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. <sup>17</sup>But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>so that it will not be obvious to others

that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”

<sup>19</sup>”Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup>But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

**Pastor:** O Lord, have mercy on us.     **C:** Thanks be to God.

**Responsory ~**

**Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.**

**In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.**

**Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.**

**Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

**Apostles' Creed ~**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**



**Kyrie ~**

**Lord have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy.**

**Meditation ~ “Ash Wednesday Homily”**

**Collect of the Day ~**

**Almighty and Everlasting God,  
You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all  
who are penitent.  
Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins  
and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive  
from you full pardon and forgiveness:  
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and  
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen**

**Evening Prayer ~**

**I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your  
dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray  
that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong,  
and graciously keep me this night.**

**Into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all  
things. Let Your holy angel be with me that the wicked Foe may  
have no power over me. 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.**

## **Words of Institution**

### **The Distribution of the Lord's Supper**

**Distribution Hymn: #570 from our Lutheran Service Book**  
**"Just As I Am"**

Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am; They love unknown Has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

*(Please place Offerings in the plate at the entrance upon leaving)*

### **The Collect for Peace ~**

O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works;

give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give,

that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments

and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies,

may live in peace and quietness;

through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with

You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Benediction ~**

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

### **Closing Hymn #887 from our Lutheran Service Book**

#### **“Now The Light Has Gone Away”**

Now the light has gone away; Father, listen while I pray,  
Asking Thee to watch and keep And to send me quiet sleep.

Jesus, Savior, wash away All that has been wrong to day;  
Help me ev’ry day to be Good and gentle, more like Thee.

Let my near and dear ones be Always near and dear to Thee;  
O bring me and all I love To Thy happy home above.

Now my evening praise I give; Thou didst die that I might live.  
All my blessings come from Thee; Oh, how good Thou art to me!

Thou, my best and kindest Friend, Thou wilt love me to the end.  
Let me love Thee more and more, Always better than before.