

To Win and Save Souls for Christ

Redeemer Lutheran Church

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Contemporary Service ~ Third Sunday after Epiphany

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Welcome to worship, fellowship and Christian education!

during your time here today.

Our Sunday Education & Bible Classes begin at 9:15 AM.

To Ponder:

A child sat at his grandmother's feet as she embroidered. Looking up, he saw a mishmash of threads and ugly knots but no discernible picture or words. "Nana," he said with concern, "that's not very pretty."

“Oh!” the boy exclaimed then. “It’s beautiful!”

Seeing the world from our human, earthly viewpoint, we can't grasp the masterpiece that God is completing. But when we finally see it from his perspective, we'll discover that the threads and knots all contribute to a beautiful work of art. That work won't be finished until Jesus returns, but in the meantime, may God grant us an occasional glimpse of the work in progress — from God's side!

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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Prayer Before Worship:



O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God,
 You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend
 us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day
 we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that
 all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in
 Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and
 reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Our Worship Service:

Officiant: Rev. Robert Spilman

Communion Assistant: Jim Ganschow

Readers: Don Hajdufi & Marilyn Winter

Organist: Kathleen Beutel

Greetings and Announcements

Opening Hymn: from our Favorite Hymn Book #83

“Fishers of Men”

I will make you fishers of men,
fishers of men, fishers of men.

I will make you fishers of men, If you follow Me.

If you follow Me, if you follow Me,

I will make you fishers of men, If you follow Me.

Hear Christ calling, “Come unto Me,
come unto Me, come unto Me.”

Hear Christ calling, “Come unto Me, I will give you rest.”

“I will give you rest; I will give you rest.”

Hear Christ calling, “Come unto Me, I will give you rest.”

Invocation ~

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



Service of the Word

Introit ~

From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the Lord is to be praised!

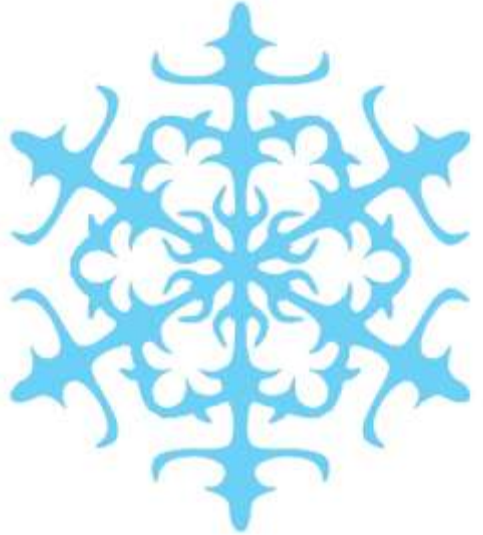
Praise the Lord!

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!

Blessed be the name of the Lord
from this time forth and for evermore!

The Lord is high above all nations,
and His glory above the heavens!

He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of his people.



Old Testament Reading ~ Jonah 3:1-5, 10

¹Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: ²“Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”

³Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. ⁴Jonah began by going a day’s journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” ⁵The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Reading of the Psalm ~ Psalm 62

¹Truly my soul finds rest in God;

my salvation comes from him.

²Truly he is my rock and my salvation;

he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

³How long will you assault me?

Would all of you throw me down --

this leaning wall, this tottering fence?

⁴Surely they intend to topple me

from my lofty place;

they take delight in lies.

With their mouths they bless,

but in their hearts they curse.

⁵Yes, my soul, find rest in God;

my hope comes from him.

⁶Truly he is my rock and my salvation;

he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.

⁷My salvation and my honor depend on God;

he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

⁸Trust in him at all times, you people;

pour out your hearts to him,

for God is our refuge.

⁹Surely the lowborn are but a breath,

the highborn are but a lie.

If weighed on a balance, they are nothing;

together they are only a breath.

¹⁰Do not trust in extortion

or put vain hope in stolen goods;

though your riches increase,

do not set your heart on them.

¹¹One thing God has spoken,
two things I have heard;
“Power belongs to you, God,
¹²and with you, Lord, is unfailing love”;
and, “You reward everyone
according to what they have done.”

New Testament Reading ~ I Corinthians 7:29-35

²⁹What I mean, brothers and sisters, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they do not; ³⁰those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; ³¹those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away.

³²I would like you to be free from concern. An unmarried man is concerned about the Lord’s affairs – how he can please the Lord. ³³But a married man is concerned about the affairs of this world – how he can please his wife – ³⁴and his interests are divided. An unmarried woman or virgin is concerned about the Lord’s affairs; Her aim is to be devoted to the Lord in both body and spirit. But a married woman is concerned about the affairs of this world – how she can please her husband. ³⁵I am saying this for your own good, not to restrict you, but that you may live in a right way in undivided devotion to the Lord.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel ~

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark,
the 1st chapter, verses 14-20

¹⁴After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵“The time has come,” he said.

“The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

¹⁶As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.

¹⁷“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” ¹⁸At once they left their nets and followed him.

¹⁹When he had gone a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. ²⁰Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Glory be to You, O Lord, Praise to You, O Christ.

The Apostle’s 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.

Hymn: from our Favorite Hymn Book #68

“Bringing in the Sheaves”

Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness;

Sowing in the noon-tide and the dewy eves;

Waiting for the harvest, and the time of reaping;

We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Bringing in the sheaves, Bringing in the sheaves;
We shall come rejoicing, Bringing in the sheaves.

Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadows;
Fearing neither clouds nor winter's chilling breeze;
By and by, the harvest and the labor ended;
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.
Bringing in the sheaves, Bringing in the sheaves;
We shall come rejoicing, Bringing in the sheaves.

Go, then, even weeping, sowing for the Master;
Tho' the loss sustained our spirit often grieves;
When our weeping's over, He will bid us welcome;
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.
Bringing in the sheaves, Bringing in the sheaves;
We shall come rejoicing, Bringing in the sheaves.

Sermon ~ "Leaving and Following Greater Things"

Offertory ~

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

**Cast me not away from Thy presence,
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**



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

Collect of the day ~

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

when Pastor says “Lord in your mercy”
we reply “Hear our prayer”

Lord’s Prayer ~

**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.**

Confession and Absolution ~

P: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven; whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

C: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night Your hand was

heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said; “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found. Let us confess our sins, confident that our gracious God forgives us.

C: Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name; deliver us, and atone for our sins, for Your name’s sake!

P: Peace be with you! Our crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ tells his Church,” If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven.” I, therefore, as a called pastor of His Church, by His authority, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God!

Words of Institution

The Distribution

The Nunc Dimittis ~

Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace according to Your word, for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever will be, world without end. Amen.

Prayer and the Benediction ~

P: O give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

**C: He remembers His covenant forever,
the covenant that He made with Abraham.**

P: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: from our Favorite Hymn Book #7

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy Faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy Faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,

Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy Faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

*Thank
You!*



*for Worshipping
with us!*

Our Redeemer Lutheran Officers ~

Rob Haak

Debbie Hall

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Earl Pierce

Jim Ganschow

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Marilyn Winter

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The Worship is Over – Now the Service Begins!

Redeemer's Prayer List

Pastors:

Chaplain True	Rev. Prof. Duke	Rev. K. Schmidt
Bishop Curry	Rev. Eder	Rev. T. Schmidt
Rev. Dr. Hardy	Rev. Hendricks	Rev. R. Spilman
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Betty Doug Roger Paul Marianna Barb Vi June

Servicemen:

Eric B.	Josh B.	Reed H.	James K.	Christian K.
Clay K.	Katie K.	Colin J.	Jesse J.	McKenzie M.
Nick P.	Collin P.	Max P.	Ryan S.	Brian S.
Ryan S.	Dan T.	Jesse T.		

Salvation

Brent	Sharon	Noah	Wayne	Doug	Michael
Christine	Mark	Jerry	Stewart	Ben	Toni
Stan	John	Jeff	Madeline	Joanne	Kailie
Ty	Wallace	Nikki	Sandy	Kiera	Emily
Louis	Becky	Joe	Carl	Shawn	Jason
Jay	Sara	Abigail	Bobby	Laurie	Dave
Robert	Jason	Erick	Richard	Steve	Geoff
Kevin	Paul	Lisa	Scott	Steven	Brian
Diana	Ken	Sonya	Tim	Robert	Jeanne
Peter	Bill	Christopher			