

# REDEEMER

HELP, HOPE, HOME, IN THE BODY OF CHRIST.

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Redeemer Lutheran Church-LCMS

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# REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**WORSHIP...** All worship begins with God. He is our Creator and He desires us to be in relationship with Him. He reaches out to us, and, in worship, draws us closer to Him. Jesus whom we come to know through Word and Sacrament, is the way God reveals Himself to us. And more, it is in His name that we approach the throne of the Almighty. In worship the believer through Jesus Christ, reaches out to his heavenly Father. As the Holy Spirit works through Word and Sacrament, we become aware of our need for God, and seek fellowship with God in the company of fellow believers.

**LUTHERAN...** Originally a derogatory term for those who reminded the Church that it is **“by grace you are saved through faith; and that not of yourself; it is a gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.”** (*Ephesians 2:8-9*) Now, we embrace Lutheran to mean we are disciples of Jesus Christ who agree with Dr. Luther’s teaching from the Bible as summarized in his Small Catechism.

**...DECENTLY AND IN ORDER...** (*cf. 1 Corinthians 14:40*) Whether the service is closer to what some would call “traditional” or others “contemporary” - whether we are using hymns that may even pre-date the Reformation or music written in our lifetimes - there is an order to worship comprised of three parts: the Service of Preparation, the Service of the Word, and the Service of the Sacrament. Together, these three sections make up the whole worship order.

**HELP, HOPE, HOME, IN THE BODY OF CHRIST...** If you have no church home of your own, we encourage you to get to know us and we invite you to participate in the other activities here. And more, we cordially invite you to join God’s family here at Redeemer.

# THE DIVINE SERVICE

## THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

### PRELUDE

*Greet the Rising Sun*  
Chinese tune  
setting: John R. Eggert

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Earth and All Stars*

Earth and all stars!  
Loud rushing planets!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Oh, victory!  
Loud shouting army!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!

He has done marvelous things.  
I too will praise Him with a new song!

Trumpet and pipes!  
Loud clashing cymbals!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Harp, lute, and lyre!  
Loud humming cellos!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!

He has done marvelous things.  
I too will praise Him with a new song!

Children of God,  
Dying and rising,  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Heaven and earth,  
Hosts everlasting,  
Sing to the Lord a new song!

He has done marvelous things.  
I too will praise Him with a new song!

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Stand*

## INVOCATION

*The sign of the cross ✝ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

℣ In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

✠ Amen.

Matthew 28: 19b; [18: 20]

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

℣ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

✠ **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

1 John 1: 8–9

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

℣ Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

✠ **Almighty God, as we stand before Your holy throne, we confess our unworthiness to be in Your presence. Your Law is perfect and true. We are by nature sinful, and we have failed to do what Your Law commands, and we have done what You tell us not to do. Even when we are unaware of it, our sin separates us from Your holy presence. By the grace You show us in the salvation of Jesus Christ, clothe us in His righteousness, which we wear as Your baptized children. Renew our hearts and strengthen our confidence in You and the free gift of Your righteousness. Amen.**

*The Leader faces the congregation:*

℣ Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[John 20: 19–23]

✠ Amen.

## SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

(Romans 5:1)

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4: 22

℣ The Lord be with you.

☩ **And also with you.**

℣ Let us pray.

*The Collect of the Day is spoken.*

☩ **Amen**

*The congregation is seated.*

## THE READING OF GOD'S WRITTEN WORD

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 49:1–6

*After the reading:*

℣ This is the Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:19–25

*After the reading:*

℣ This is the Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

### HOLY GOSPEL

℣ The Holy Gospel according to **Matthew**, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

☩ **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

℣ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

☩ **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**SERMON HYMN**

*How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*

1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord,  
 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find  
 4 In what You give us, Lord, to do.

When once we heed Your call: To live ac - cord - ing  
 Your yoke is hard to bear; If world - ly pres - sures  
 To - geth - er or a - lone, In old rou - tines or

to Your Word And dan - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,  
 fray the mind, And love it - self can - not un - wind  
 ven - tures new, May we not cease to look to You.

That You are Lord of all And will not let us fall  
 Its tan - gled skein of care; Our in - ward life re - pair,  
 The cross You hung up - on— All You en - deav - ored done.

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**DRAMA**

*God Is Going On Strike*

**SERMON**

*Mission & Ministry: Salt & Light*

**TITHES & OFFERINGS**

(Malachi 3:6-10; 2 Corinthians 9:7)

**OFFERTORY**

*Stars of the Morning, Gloriously Bright*  
Setting: John B. Dykes

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

(Romans 10:9-10)

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.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2: 1– 4]

*After each petition:*

Ⓛ Let us pray to the Lord:

Ⓒ Lord, have mercy.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:7-13; 1 Chronicles 29:11-13

Ⓒ Our Father which 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.

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Ⓛ Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My (†) body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My (†) blood, which is shed for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

## *Your Table I Approach*

Your table I approach;  
Dear Savior, hear my prayer.  
Let not an unrepentant heart  
Prove hurtful to me there.

Lord, I confess my sins  
And mourn their wretched bands;  
A contrite heart is sure to find  
Forgiveness at Your hands.

Your body and Your blood,  
Once slain and shed for me,  
Are taken at Your table, Lord,  
In blest reality.

Search not how this takes place,  
This wondrous mystery;  
God can accomplish vastly more  
Than what we think could be.

O grant, most blessèd Lord,  
That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament  
Raise doubt within my mind.

Oh, may I never fail  
To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood,  
O God, my peace and light.

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## *Just as I Am, without One Plea*

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

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## *Amazing Grace*

Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see!

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
His grace has brought me safe thus far,  
His grace will lead me home.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail  
And mortal life shall cease,  
Amazing grace shall then prevail  
In heaven's joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.

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## TABLE THANKSGIVING

℣ Now, may this the true body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you in the one true faith unto life everlasting as you go in His peace and with His Spirit.

✠ Amen.

## POST COMMUNION COLLECT

℣ Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

✠ Amen

## BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26)

℣ The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and (†) give you His peace.

✠ Amen.

## RECESSIONAL

*Blessed Assurance*

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.


Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of heaven now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

## DISMISSAL

 Go in Peace; Trust Your King!

(Judges 18:6; Luke 7:50)

 Thanks be to God!

## POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Voluntary*

Purcell

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## CONCERNING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*The Lord's Supper was commanded by Jesus Himself. (1 Corinthians 11:23-25) It is celebrated at this altar in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. We are also called upon to examine ourselves before participating in this holy meal. (cf. 1 Corinthians 10:16; 11:23-29; Mathew 26:28; John 6:53-58)*

Q. Do you acknowledge your sins and are you willing to turn from them with the aid and assistance of the Holy Spirit?

**A. Yes, I acknowledge my sin and seek the Lord's mercy. (1 John 1:8-9)**

Q. Do you believe that God, for Jesus' sake, has forgiven you all your sins?

**A. Yes, Christ died for me and suffered the punishment that I deserved. (Isaiah 53:4-6; Romans 6:21-23)**

Q. Do you believe that the Lord offers Christian His body and blood, in, with, and under the bread and the wine for the strengthening of faith and the forgiveness of sins?

**A. Yes, I believe the Scripture which teaches, "Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ?" (2 Corinthians 10:16)**

*Members of the LCMS and Redeemer Lutheran Church believe that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior and affirm the statements above. If you agree, without reservation, to these statements above, you are invited to come to His Table. If you do not agree with one or more of these statements, please refrain from participating in Holy Communion. Our communion practice is not intended to offend or exclude, but is an expression of our concern for people and our high regard for the Sacrament as Christ instituted it. We encourage you to speak with our Pastor or Elders about any statement(s) of disagreement and/or regarding the Holy Supper and the process of joining our congregation.*

Q. Why did Jesus willingly sacrifice Himself on behalf of lost and condemned sinners like us?

**A. For His great love for the Father and for me and other sinners as it is revealed in John 3, John 11, Romans 5, and 1 John 3.**

Q. Should Christians with weak faith receive the sacrament?

**A. The Sacrament is especially offered for those of weak faith. (Isaiah 42:3; John 6:37)**

Q. What conditions should cause a Christian to refrain from receiving the Sacrament?

**A. Disbelief (Hebrews 11:6), unwillingness to forgive another (Matthew 6:14-15), hatred (John 4:19-21), a refusal to repent (Acts 17:30), and refusal to recognize the body and blood of the Lord in the Sacrament. (1 Corinthians 11:28-29)**

Q. How then, does the Christian live?

**A. The entirety of the Christian's life is offered to the Lord as a "living sacrifice." (Romans 12:1-2)**