

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

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

PSALM 146:1-2

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

The sign of the cross (†) may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

(Matthew 28:19b; [18:20])

OPENING SONG

Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name
And blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out I'll
turn back to praise
And when the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me
When the world's "all as it should be"
Blessed be Your name
And blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out I'll
turn back to praise
And when the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart is glad to say
Lord, blessed be your name

Every blessing You pour out I'll
turn back to praise
And when the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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

C: 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.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION - ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

P: 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 Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

(Romans 5:1)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

SONGS OF PRAISE:

Days of Elijah

These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the Word of the Lord
And these are the days of Your servant Moses
Righteousness being restored
And though these are the days of great trials
Of famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice in the desert crying
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Behold He comes riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call
Lift your voice it's the year of Jubilee
Out of Zions hill salvation comes

These are the days of Ezekiel
The dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days of Your servant David
Rebuilding a temple of praise
And these are the days of the harvest
The fields are as white in the world
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard
Declaring the Word of the Lord

Behold He comes riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call
Lift your voice it's the year of Jubilee
Out of Zions hill salvation comes
(4 times)

There is no God like Jehovah...
There is no God like Jehovah...
There is no God like Jehovah...
There is no God like Jehovah...

Behold He comes riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call
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Mighty To Save

Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing. Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior, the hope of nations

Savior, He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save
Forever, author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave,
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as you find me, all my fears and failures, Fill my life again
I give me life to follow, Everything I believe in, now I surrender

Savior, He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save
Forever, author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave,
Jesus conquered the grave

Savior, He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save
Forever, author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave,
Jesus conquered the grave

Shine your light and, let the whole world see, singing
For the glory of the risen King, Jesus
Shine your light and, let the whole world see, singing
For the glory of the risen King

Savior, He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save
Forever, author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave,
Jesus conquered the grave

Savior, He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save

Forever, author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave,
Jesus conquered the grave

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READING AND SHARING GOD'S WORD

THE FIRST READING:

Genesis 32:22-30

R: This is the Word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

THE SECOND READING:

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

R: This is the Word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Stand for the reading of the Gospel Lesson.

HOLY GOSPEL:

Luke 18:1-8

P: Let us now rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel.
The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 18th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

Who Is the Wrestler?

TITHES & OFFERINGS

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

OFFERTORY

In the Garden

P: Let us confess our common faith in the words of The Apostles' Creed:

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)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

P: 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."

COMMUNION SONGS:

Each table is greeted by the Pastor with "Welcome to the Table of the Lord." After you have received communion - the body and the blood - you may return to your seat. The 'dismissal' will be the Table Thanksgiving.

Sanctuary / I Exalt Thee

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and Holy tried and true
With Thanksgiving I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and Holy tried and true
With Thanksgiving I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You

We exalt thee
We exalt thee
We exalt thee, Oh Lord

We exalt thee
We exalt thee
We exalt thee, Oh Lord

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and Holy tried and true
With Thanksgiving I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You

One bread, one body, one Lord of all ,
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all ,
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.

Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all ,
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all ,
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.

TABLE THANKSGIVING

P: 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.

C: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honor you,

not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

(Numbers 6:24-26)

P: 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.

C: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

I'll Fly Away

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away

I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away
When I die, hallelujah, by and by I'll fly away

When the shadows of this life have grown, I'll fly away
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away

I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away
When I die, hallelujah, by and by I'll fly away

Just a few more weary days, and then, I'll fly away
To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away

I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away
When I die, hallelujah, by and by I'll fly away

I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away
When I die, hallelujah, by and by I'll fly away
When I die, hallelujah, by and by I'll fly away.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace; Trust Your King!

C: Thanks be to God!

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)