

THE NEED FOR FOLLOWERSHIP



Followers of Christ Make
Selfless Sacrifices

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

WELCOME! Thank you for joining us for worship today. At Redeemer we believe that the gospel message, the good news that Jesus has won for us forgiveness and eternal life, is more than just words. It's the power God uses to create and strengthen faith in our hearts. Our worship focuses on the proclamation of this life-saving message as we respond with our prayers, praise, and thanksgiving. May you be richly blessed as we worship together!

VISITOR CARDS are located in the card rack on the pew in front of you. If you are a guest with us today, please take a moment to fill out a card and hand it to either an usher or pastor or place it in the offering box in the gathering area.

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If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask one of the ushers in the rear of the sanctuary. If you would like more information about Redeemer, please feel free to speak with one of our pastors or any one of the members after the service. You may also contact us anytime using the information below.

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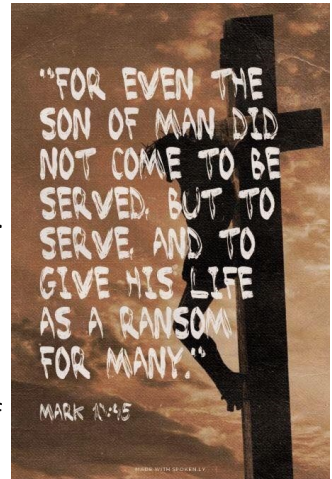
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Jesus Christ is the leader of our congregation, our home, our lives. And his leadership is perfect in every way. Therefore, when things are amiss in any of those arenas, what is needed is not better *leadership*, but better *followership*. In this series, we ask Christ to empower us with his Spirit so that we might better follow his lead. May we better reflect the beauty of his life, better make his priorities our own, and better serve our God and neighbor. Today is the final Sunday in our series.

TODAY'S FOCUS: FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST MAKE SELFLESS SACRIFICES

"What's in it for me?" It's easy to look at life through the lens of that question, to make decisions based on perceived personal benefit. Perhaps at times we look at Christianity through that lens, wondering what we will gain from following Christ. "What's in it for me?" Jesus' first disciples asked that question. They hoped that following Christ would bring prestige and honor. They assumed following Christ would make life easier. But it doesn't work like that. Followers of Christ are called to sacrifice for the well-being of others.

"What's in it for me?" Everything! Because of Christ's ultimate sacrifice, followers of Christ have the peace of his forgiveness. Followers of Christ have the joy of meaningful purpose. Followers of Christ look forward to an eternity of glory in Christ's heavenly kingdom. In Spirit-wrought gratitude, followers of Christ make selfless sacrifices with joy.



PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER In the Bible, God tells us that a person ought to examine himself or herself before receiving Holy Communion (1 Corinthians 11:28,29). Those who receive Communion today confess they hold the following convictions:

- 1) I repent of all my sins, holding nothing back from God (1 John 1:9).
- 2) I believe that Jesus took away my sins through his death on the cross (1 John 3:5).
- 3) I believe that in Communion I receive Jesus' true body and blood along with the bread and the wine (Matthew 26:26-27, 1 Corinthians 10:16).
- 4) I agree with all the teachings of this church family, as I have learned to know them through their instruction classes.

GATHERING RITE ON HOLY BAPTISM



INVOCATION

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Baptized into Your Name Most Holy | Stanza One



Bap - tized in - to your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther,
I claim a place, though weak and low - ly, A - mong your

Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,
saints, your cho - sen host, Bur - ied with Christ and dead to

sin. Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.

I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. *John 3:5,6*

Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us. *Psalms 51:5*

But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. *1 Corinthians 6:11*



My lov - ing Fa - ther, there you took me To be hence -
My faith - ful Sav - ior, there you let me The fruit of

forth your child and heir.
all your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it, com - fort



As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless (*Ephesians 5:25-27*). Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

10:30 Service



BAPTISM AFFIRMATION OF EVALYN ROSE MULHOLLAND



All that I am and love most dear - ly— Re - ceive it
 Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly, And help me
 all, O Lord, from me.
 your own child to be! Let noth - ing that I am or
 own Serve an - y will but yours a - lone.

THE WORD



The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 53:10-12

¹⁰Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer,
 and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin,
 he will see his offspring and prolong his days,
 and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

¹¹After he has suffered,
 he will see the light of life and be satisfied;
 by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many,
 and he will bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,
 and he will divide the spoils with the strong,

The prophet Isaiah foretold that the coming Messiah would make the ultimate sacrifice to pay for our sin.

because he poured out his life unto death,
and was numbered with the transgressors.
For he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 62

My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him.

He alone is my rock and my salvation. He is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him.

Though your riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 9:7-12, 19-23

⁷Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat its grapes? Who tends a flock and does not drink the milk? ⁸Do I say this merely on human authority? Doesn't the Law say the same thing? ⁹For it is written in the Law of Moses: "Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain." Is it about oxen that God is concerned?

¹⁰Surely he says this for us, doesn't he? Yes, this was written for us, because whoever plows and threshes should be able to do so in the hope of sharing in the harvest. ¹¹If we have sown spiritual seed among you, is it too much if we reap a material harvest from you? ¹²If others have this right of support from you, shouldn't we have it all the more?

St. Paul shares his willingness to make great sacrifices in his effort to share the gospel of Christ.

But we did not use this right. On the contrary, we put up with anything rather than hinder the gospel of Christ.

¹⁹Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. ²⁰To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law.

²¹To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. ²³I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

³²They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way, and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid. Again he took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to him. ³³“We are going up to Jerusalem,” he said, “and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles, ³⁴who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise.”

³⁵Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.”

³⁶“What do you want me to do for you?” he asked.

³⁷They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.”

³⁸“You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said. “Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?”

³⁹“We can,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, ⁴⁰but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.”

⁴¹When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. ⁴²Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ⁴³Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

To disciples who sought glory and honor, Jesus taught that his followers would make selfless sacrifices for others just as he would be sacrificed for our sins.

NICENE CREED | Credo

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten
of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not
made, of one being with the Father.**

Through Him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven, was incarnate
of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.**

**For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN

Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace | 768

SERMON

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

THE OFFERING IS GATHERED

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You may also use the Vanco app: Search first for Fond du Lac, then scroll down to Redeemer. Online givers may place the cards located in the card rack on the back of the pews into the plate.*



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

*Jesus taught us this prayer. It's a model for our own prayers as it reflects on all of God's revelation.
Matthew 6:9-13*

THE LORD'S SUPPER



Holy Communion is a priceless gift from Jesus, Among other blessings, it is intended to strengthen Christians' unity with God and express their unity of confession with each other. If you have not communed with us before, please speak with one of the pastors before doing so today.

To review the proper reception of the sacrament, see note on page 3.

PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is with his people to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY | Sanctus

Tune: WEBB



1 Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts on high,
your ev - er-last - ing glo - ry fills earth and sea and sky."
Our voic - es cry, "Ho - san - na!" Lord, hear our hum - ble plea:
in mer - cy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

LAMB OF GOD | *Agnus Dei*

Tune: HAMBURG

1 O Lamb of God, once lift - ed high up - on a
2 O Lamb of God, your sac - ri - fice has can-celled

cross to bleed and die, in per-fect love you
sin, has paid its price; your per-fect love will

took our place— be - stow on us your sav - ing grace.
nev - er cease— have mer - cy, Lord, and grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

- *Please follow ushers directions in coming forward in groups of 7 or 8 on each side, with the first person standing right next to the receptable so that all can fit comfortably.*
- *Monday night worshipers can usher themselves forward.*
- *If there are worshipers in the front pew, please stand on the carpet to give them space.*
- *The individual cups may "stick" in the new communion tray more than our previous trays. If this seems to be case when you grab an individual cup, please don't squeeze the plastic cup as it may break. Instead, gently tilt it back and forth to release it from the tray.*

COMMUNION HYMN

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness | 663

PRAYER OF THANKS

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever. the Psalms

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. 1 Corinthians 11:26

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage | 640

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*WE EXIST TO GLORIFY GOD AS
WE GATHER, GROW, AND GO*
