

*Live Like You'll Live
Forever⁺*



LIVE KNOWING LIFE ONLY GETS BETTER

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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RESTROOMS are located in the gathering area. A family restroom is immediately to your right as you exit through the double doors in the rear of the sanctuary. The other restrooms are to your left.

ANNOUNCEMENTS can be found in your church bulletin box, in the literature rack on the rear wall of the sanctuary, or in the visitor card slots on the back of each pew.

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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ALL SAINTS DAY

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WORSHIP SERIES: LIVE LIKE YOU’LL LIVE FOREVER

“Live each day like it’s your last.” You have probably heard that advice. It sounds wise—an encouragement to take advantage of the time you have. However, that advice is completely backwards. Because the reality is, thanks to Jesus, we have an unending amount of time. Let that sink in. Really think about it. Jesus has given you the gift of eternal life. You are going to live forever. If you really thought it was your last day, that belief would shape how you lived *that day*, but in this series, we consider how the gift of eternal life shapes how we live every day. Live like you’ll live forever!

October 27.....Reformation: Live a Life of Courageous Witness
November 3All Saints’: Live Knowing Life Only Gets Better
November 10Live a Life of Startling Generosity
November 17Live Free from the Fear of Judgment
November 24Live with Your Eyes on the Skies

TODAY’S FOCUS: LIVE KNOWING LIFE ONLY GETS BETTER

“It will get better.” We say that to try to comfort someone who is having a bad day (or maybe a whole string of bad days). Perhaps tomorrow will be better. But perhaps it’s worse. In this life, there really are no guarantees that things will get better. That isn’t the case with the life that is to come. That life isn’t just going to be better. It will be perfect.

Since the seventh century, Christians have marked a day to celebrate those who have died in faith and now realize the perfect joys of heaven. It is called “All Saints’ Day.” We thank God for bringing our Christian loved ones out of the troubles and turmoil of this world and into eternal bliss and glory. And we ask God to preserve us in our faith so that we might one day join the saints in that place where life is far more than better.

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.



THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN

Sing with All the Saints in Glory | 881

INVOCATION

Minister: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Corinthians 13:13

***Congregation:* And also with you.**

I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

"Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them." Rev 14:13

For the saints of the Most High will receive the kingdom and will possess it forever —

yes, for ever and ever! Daniel 7:18

CONFESSION

Beloved in the Lord, we desire to one day join the saints triumphant in heaven. Yet we have disobeyed God, and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

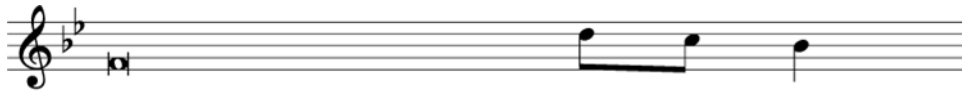
Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior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

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.

Goodness and love will follow you all the days of your life.

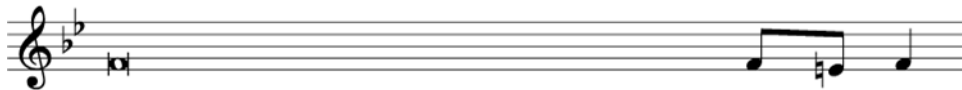
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Psalms 23:6



1 We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord;
 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of heav'n - ly hosts,
 3 The white-robed army of martyrs praise — you.
 7 Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple,



1 all creation worships you, Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing.
 2 heaven and earth are full — of your glo - ry.
 3 Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:
 7 bought with the price of your own blood,



1 To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,
 2 The glorious company of apostles praise — you.
 3 Father of majesty unbounded; your glorious, true, and on - ly Son;
 7 and bring us with your saints



1 cherubim and seraphim, sing in end - less praise:
 2 The noble fellowship of proph - ets praise — you.
 3 and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide.
 7 to glory ev - er - last - ing.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have knit your people together into one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow the example of your blessed saints in lives of faith and willing service and with them at last inherit the inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



THE WORD

READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine—
the best of meats and the finest of wines.

⁷On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;

⁸he will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears
from all faces;

he will remove his people's disgrace
from all the earth.

The LORD has spoken.

⁹In that day they will say,

“Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.

This is the LORD, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

*The Lord Almighty
promises his saints, all
those who trust in him,
that he will destroy the
shroud of death.*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty!

My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God

than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

O Lord Almighty,

blessed are they who trust in you.

READING

Revelation 20:4-6

⁴I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. ⁵(The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. ⁶Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

St. John sees those who had been killed because of their faith in Christ now living and reigning with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM | GRADES 5-8 (10:30 Service)

I am Jesus' Little Lamb

GOSPEL READING

John 11:32-44

³²When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. ³⁴"Where have you laid him?" he asked.

"Come and see, Lord," they replied.

³⁵Jesus wept.

³⁶Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹"Take away the stone," he said.

"But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days."

⁴⁰Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"

⁴¹So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."

⁴³When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

Jesus demonstrates his power over death.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

APOSTLES' CREED | *Credo*

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty.**

From there 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

For All the Saints | 880:1-3

SERMON

OUR OFFERINGS ARE BROUGHT FORWARD

Offerings may be placed in the offering plate at the sanctuary entrance, or in the box in Gathering Area. Guests, don't feel obligated to give an offering.

Online gifts can be given through by scanning the QR code, or with the downloadable Vanco App: Search for Fond du Lac, scroll down to Redeemer.



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

With thanksgiving and praise, O Lord, we remember all your faithful servants who throughout the ages have witnessed to your name. We rejoice that they now rest from their labors in your presence. We thank you for all who have died in the peace of Christ. We thank you for those whom you gave to our congregation for a time as a blessing but have now called home. We remember their names before you: LeRoy Schmitz, Larry Schroeder, Dennis Reitz and Mark Putz.

Whoever lives and believes in Jesus will never die.

Almighty God, you have made us citizens of both your kingdom of grace and the nation in which we live. In this nation, we are grateful that you have also afforded us the privilege of choosing our own leaders. As another election approaches, we recall the truth that kings and kingdoms rise or fall according to your will. So we pray that you will use the results of this election to bring about good for our nation and preserve the peace that allows for the continued proclamation of the gospel among us.

Grant us leaders who will govern honestly and responsibly, so that through them we might be the recipients of your gracious and protective care.

We implore you, Lord, to bless us with leaders who defend the lives of people who cannot defend themselves—especially children. Spare them from being abused and abandoned. Provide safety and security. Lead people everywhere to value and protect the lives of the unborn whom you have created.

Let the light of faith move many more to seek an end to the tragedy of abortion in our country and around the world.

Special intercessions

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.**



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.

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.

HYMN OF VICTORY



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
2 Praise we him whose love di - vine gives his
6 Now no more can death ap - pall, now no



our vic - to - rious King, who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
more the grave en - thrall; you have o - pened par - a - dise,



flow - ing from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 and your saints in you shall rise. Al - le - lu - ia!

DISTRIBUTION

FIRST COMMUNION HYMN

For All the Saints | 880 st:4-8



4 Oh, blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
 5 And when the fight is fierce, the war - fare long,
 6 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;
 7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
 8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph - song, and
 soon, soon, to faith - ful war - riors com - eth rest;
 saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain and arms are strong.
 sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.
 King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

SECOND COMMUNION HYMN

Behold A Host Arrayed in White | 883

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*

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of 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

There is a Higher Throne | 885

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