

because HE LIVES!



We Live Lives of Committed Love

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Commitment Sunday

# REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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**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 plate or the box in the gathering area.

**PARENTS' ROOM** If you have a young child or nursing infant and you find yourself in need of stepping out for a moment, a parents' room is located in the rear of the sanctuary.

**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY SHEETS** as well as a collection of Arch books and doodle pads are available to keep little hands busy during worship. You'll find them on a corner shelf in the gathering area.

**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.

**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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# THE EASTER SEASON

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**SERIES THEME: *BECAUSE HE LIVES***

In this season of Easter, it's good that we review the details: who, when, where. That reminds us that the resurrection of Christ is not fairytale or fable. It is a historical event. . . *the historical event*. However, we do ourselves a disservice if we simply recall the historic details of Easter without thinking long and hard about Easter's significance. Jesus won. That means something! During the Easter season we'll focus on what it means that Jesus rose from the dead. *BECAUSE HE LIVES...*

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| April 20.....       | Death Has Lost Its Sting   Easter Sunday                            |
| Apr 27 .....        | We Have a Meaningful Mission   <i>Tell the Next Generations</i> *** |
| May 4 .....         | We See and Confess Things Clearly   Confirmation                    |
| May 11 .....        | We Manage His Gifts for His Glory***                                |
| <b>May 18 .....</b> | <b>We Live Lives of Committed Love   Commitment Sunday***</b>       |
| May 25.....         | We Have Deep and Lasting Joy   <i>Celebration Sunday</i> ***        |
| Jun 1 .....         | Christ Creates Unity within Diversity                               |
| Jun 8.....          | Christ Sends Us His Spirit   Pentecost                              |

\*\*\*BUILDING ON FAITH emphasis

**TODAY'S FOCUS: *WE LIVE LIVES OF COMMITTED LOVE***

If someone saved you from a horrible death, what would you do to thank them? Jesus not only saved us from eternal death in hell, but he won for us an eternity in paradise. What shall we do to thank him? This week we see that Jesus asks for just one thing—love. He asks us, in interaction we have with others, to demonstrate the same selfless love that every he has shown to us. That is how we thank him. Fortunately, Jesus doesn't just ask us to show love. Jesus empowers us to show love. The same divine power which raised Jesus from the dead now raises us up to a new and better life, enabling us to set aside our natural selfishness and self-glorification and instead live in a more excellent way, to live lives of committed love. As we consider our commitments to the our Building on Faith campaign today, we pray that God's committed love for us in Christ and our desire to share it with others would remain the driving force behind our future ministry plans.



# THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

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\*\*\*We're excited to have the opportunity to make our commitments to our Building on Faith campaign today. Please note that the commitment cards will be handed in later in the service following the sermon.



## OPENING HYMN

*Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love* | **577**

## INVOCATION & OPENING VERSES

*1 John 4:9-11*

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

**Congregation              Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

This is how God showed his love among us:

**He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.**

This is love: not that we loved God,

**but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.**

Dear friends, since God so loved us,

**we also ought to love one another.**

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Brothers and sisters, in love beyond measure, Jesus laid down his life for us. Therefore, let us confess our sins to our Father in heaven and confidently ask for his forgiveness.

**Heavenly Father, I confess my sins to you. In so many ways, I have failed to love you with my whole heart, soul, mind, and strength and to love my neighbor as myself. I have earned your punishment and deserve to be separated from your love forever. In Jesus' name, hear my cry for mercy and give me the comfort of your forgiveness.**

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen!**

# GLORY BE TO GOD

*To God Be the Glory* | 627:1

1 To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done!

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the peo - ple re - joice!

O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son

and give him the glo - ry, great things he has done!

The musical score is written on eight staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line on the eighth staff.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Gracious heavenly Father, we love because you first loved us. You gave up your one and only Son to save us from sin and death and now give us the opportunity to respond to your amazing grace by loving and serving you and each other. Help us to overcome our selfish, proud, and self-centered natures and to love others as you have loved us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**



**LATE SERVICE**

**BAPTISM OF NOAH JEROME TRAPP  
SON OF JOSH AND MARLEE TRAPP**

*Following the concluding prayer of the baptismal rite, the congregation sings:*

1 Through sim - ple wa - ter, drawn and poured, u - nit - ed  
5 When doubts a - rise, when sin as - sails, the pow'r of

with his pow'r - ful Word, in bap - tism Je - sus sets us  
bap - tism nev - er fails. "I am bap - tized! What should I

free from sin's dread pow'r and slav - er - y.  
fear? God's love for me is al - ways near!"

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## READING

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

<sup>1</sup> If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

*As Christians we use the various gifts and abilities God has given us to serve one another in love.*

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup> It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup> Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

<sup>8</sup> Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup> but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. <sup>12</sup> Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

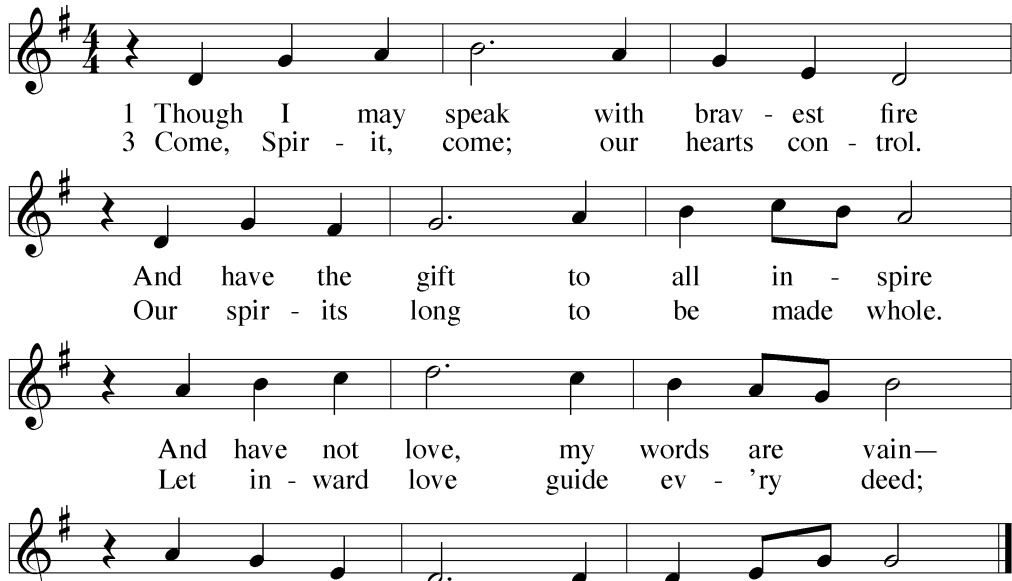
<sup>13</sup> And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



1 Though I may speak with brav - est fire  
3 Come, Spir - it, come; our hearts con - trol.

And have the gift to all in - spire  
Our spir - its long to be made whole.

And have not love, my words are vain—  
Let in - ward love guide ev - 'ry deed;

As sound - ing brass— and hope - less gain.  
By this we wor - ship and are freed.

## GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

<sup>31</sup> When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

<sup>33</sup> "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

<sup>34</sup> "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

*The Father has glorified the Son. Christ shares that glory with us and commands us to show others the same love he has shown to us.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**



## Apostles' Creed

**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 OF THE DAY

This Is My Will | 728

# SERMON

**BECAUSE HE LIVES: *WE LIVE LIVES OF COMMITTED LOVE***

## 1 Corinthians 13:1-13



**BUILDING ON FAITH**  
TELL THE NEXT GENERATIONS

*After prayerfully considering their commitment, each family is invited to come up the side aisle, place their commitment card into the offering box at the foot of the altar steps, and then return to their seat down the middle aisle. We will spend a few moments in reflection and prayer as instrumental music is played before joining together in singing our next hymn.*

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## HYMN

By Faith | **868**

## OFFERING



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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### 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.



## HYMN

*I Come, O Savior, to Your Table* | **670:1**

1 I come, O Sav - ior, to your ta - ble, for weak and  
wea - ry is my soul; O Je - sus, you a -  
lone are a - ble to sat - is - fy and make me whole.  
Lord, may your bod - y and your blood be for my soul the high - est good.

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord Jesus, you call all who are weary and burdened to come to you for rest. Rejoicing in your grace, we now come to this heavenly feast in which you give your children on earth your true body and blood to eat and to drink. Remove from us the soiled garments of self-righteousness and sin, and clothe us with the righteousness purchased with your blood. Strengthen our faith, increase our love, especially for those with whom we share this blessed communion, and after this life grant us a place at your heavenly table.

**Amen.**

## 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  $\text{✙}$  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  $\text{✙}$  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

*I Come, O Savior, to Your Table* | **670:2**

2 O grant that I in man - ner wor - thy may eat and  
drink and be re - stored, and, dwell - ing on your  
bound - less mer - cy, look on - ly un - to you, O Lord.  
Lord, may your bod - y and your blood be for my soul the high - est good.

## 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.*

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*Christ the Eternal Lord* | **521**

*Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness* | **663**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing us in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given us forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let us always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

**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

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* | **617**

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