

The Church is for All People



unexpected
TRUTHS

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 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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SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

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SERIES THEME: UNEXPECTED TRUTHS

The opening lines of the United States Declaration of Independence boldly assert that certain truths are “self-evident”—truths accessible to human reason and widely recognized by observation of the world. The founders appealed to principles they believed reasonable people could recognize simply by reflecting on human nature and justice. The most important truths, however, those revealed in the Bible, are not self-evident at all. In fact, they frequently appear surprising or even contrary to human expectations. Biblical truth is revealed by God rather than discovered by reason alone. While some truths may seem obvious to human judgment, the truths of the Bible are often unexpected.

- August 16.....The Church is for All People**
- August 23The Son of Man is God
- August 30.....Cross Comes Before Crown
- September 6I Am My Brother’s Keeper
- September 13.....Forgiveness is for Me
- September 20Grace is Amazing
- September 27Real Repentance Looks Different



TODAY’S FOCUS: THE CHURCH IS FOR ALL PEOPLE

“All are welcome!” Is that true at our church? Or is church meant only for people of the right heritage who behave the right way, “good church folk”? Is it conceivable that a stranger could walk into church unexpectedly and for some reason you would ask yourself, “What is someone like that doing here?” Or perhaps you ask that question about yourself. “There seem to be godly people here. I’m not like them. Do I really belong?” Today Jesus shows us that the Church is for all people. All of us—regardless of age, ethnicity, gender, or social status—have the same problem of sin. And we all have the same Savior. Anyone who comes to Christ’s Church and cries out “Lord, have mercy!” is welcome.

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Lord’s Supper, Holy Communion, will be celebrated in our service today. Please see the notes on p. 9 as you prepare yourself to receive the Sacrament. If you have any questions regarding our Communion practice, please speak with one of the pastors.

THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation | **920:1-3**

INVOCATION & OPENING VERSES

Psalm 133/Ephesians 4:4-6

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

Congregation Amen.

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called;
one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

As fellow citizens of the kingdom of God and members of his household, through the redeeming work of our Savior Jesus ^{Ephesians 2:19}, let us confess our sins to the Lord and humbly ask for his forgiveness.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

SONG OF PRAISE

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation | 920:4

4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!



The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, in Christ you bring people from near and far into the fellowship of your church. Open our eyes to your saving plan, and move us to embrace all who seek your salvation so that we may rejoice together at the banquet of your love; 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 WREN JOSHUA MEYER
SON OF CODY AND CATRINA MEYER

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

HYMN

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It | **679:1,5**

1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap-tized
5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing to this life - long

in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it, gave my
com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing: e - ven

full re - demp-tion price. Do I need earth's trea - sures man - y?
there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a - waits its rais - ing,

I have one worth more than an - y that brought me sal -
still my soul con - tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized

va - tion free, last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

Text: Erdmann Neumeister, 1671–1756; tr. Robert E. Voelker, b. 1957 © 1991 Robert E. Voelker.

READING

Ephesians 2:13-22

¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵ by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. ¹⁷ He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

Christ takes foreigners and strangers and builds them into a holy temple, his Church.

¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace | **768**

SERMON

WHEN THE WALLS COME TUMBLING DOWN

Ephesians 2:13-22

THANK OFFERING



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NEW MEMBER WELCOME

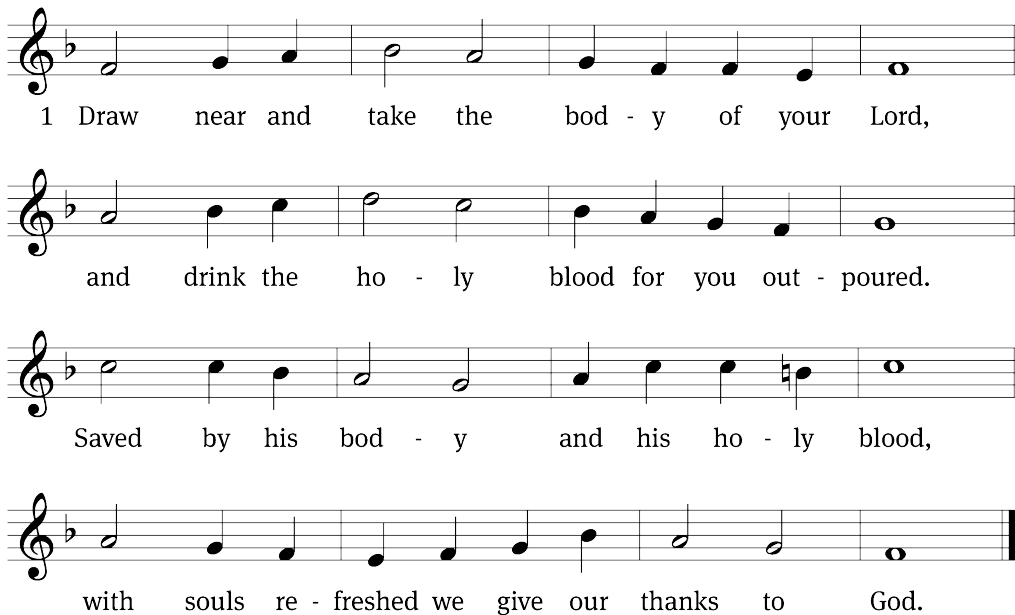
LORD'S PRAYER

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

Draw Near and Take the Body of Your Lord | **661:1,3**



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of your Lord,
and drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured.
Saved by his bod - y and his ho - ly blood,
with souls re - freshed we give our thanks to God.

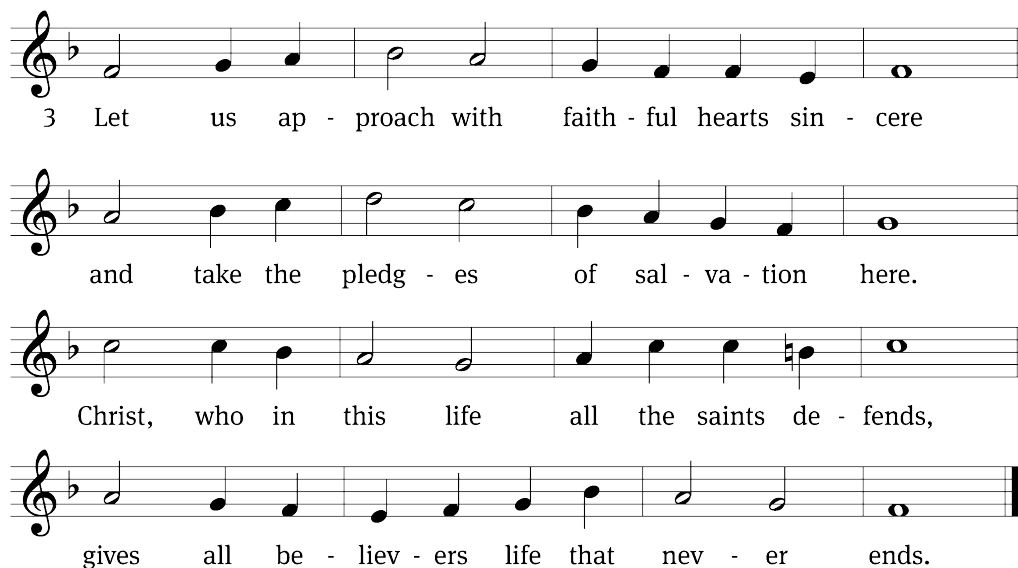
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.



3 Let us ap - proach with faith - ful hearts sin - cere
and take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.
Christ, who in this life all the saints de - fends,
gives all be - liev - ers life that nev - er ends.

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

The Church's One Foundation | **855**

God Loved the World So That He Gave | **570**

PRAYER

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BUILDING UPDATE & SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Matt Schmitz
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Steering Committee Chairman



"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

- Ephesians 3:20,21

BLESSING

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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