



The Beginning of the End

Give to God What Is God's

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.

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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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SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

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SERIES THEME: THE BEGINNING OF THE END

“The end is near!” For Christians, this is not a message of fear but of watchful hope. The Scriptures teach that the End Times began with Christ’s first coming and that he will come again on judgment day. Now we live in the time in-between, when salvation has been won, but full glory is still to come. It’s the beginning of the end. Jesus himself makes clear that no one knows the day or hour of his return. This uncertainty is not meant to trouble us, but to keep us spiritually awake. Each day becomes an opportunity to live in repentance and faith, turning from sin and trusting fully in Christ’s finished work for us. It’s the beginning of the end. It’s time to...

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- October 18 Give to God What Is God’s**
- October 25 | Reformation Day Stay Steadfast
- November 8 Focus on the Future
- November 15 Watch for the Final Events
- November 22 Put Your Affairs in Order



TODAY’S FOCUS: GIVE TO GOD WHAT IS GOD’S

In this 250th anniversary year of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, we, as Americans, are thankful for the freedoms we enjoy, but we also realize that those freedoms are not guaranteed forever. What can we do to take advantage of this time we have to preach the gospel and administer the sacraments without governmental interference? We can do exactly what Jesus advised, giving to God what is God’s. We can thank Jesus for fulfilling all righteousness for us, leaving us free to serve our neighbors. God does not need our good works, but our neighbors do. God’s Word informs our choice of political activities as we seek to be faithful to our calling as Christian citizens.

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. 12 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

Open, Lovely Doors | **912**

INVOCATION & OPENING VERSES

Psalm 96

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

Congregation Amen.

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

As we come into the courts of the Lord and bring him our offerings of thanks and praise, let us confess our sins to him and confidently seek his forgiveness.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

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.

GLORY TO GOD

1 All glo - ry be to God a - lone, for -
ev - er - more the high - est One, who did our
sin - ful race be - friend and grace and peace to
us ex - tend. A - mong man - kind may his good
will all hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a '1' indicating the start of the first line. The piece concludes with a double bar line on the fifth staff.



The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord our God, so govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world that your church may worship you in peace and joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever..

Amen.

³ Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, chief of his court officials, to bring into the king's service some of the Israelites from the royal family and the nobility—⁴ young men without any physical defect, handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king's palace. He was to teach them the language and literature of the Babylonians. ⁵ The king assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from the king's table. They were to be trained for three years, and after that they were to enter the king's service.

We learn from Daniel how to live in two kingdoms.

⁶ Among those who were chosen were some from Judah: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. ⁷ The chief official gave them new names: to Daniel, the name Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abednego.

⁸ But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way. ⁹ Now God had caused the official to show favor and compassion to Daniel, ¹⁰ but the official told Daniel, "I am afraid of my lord the king, who has assigned your food and drink. Why should he see you looking worse than the other young men your age? The king would then have my head because of you."

¹¹ Daniel then said to the guard whom the chief official had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah, ¹² "Please test your servants for ten days: Give us nothing but vegetables to eat and water to drink. ¹³ Then compare our appearance with that of the young men who eat the royal food, and treat your servants in accordance with what you see." ¹⁴ So he agreed to this and tested them for ten days.

¹⁵ At the end of the ten days they looked healthier and better nourished than any of the young men who ate the royal food. ¹⁶ So the guard took away their choice food and the wine they were to drink and gave them vegetables instead.

¹⁷ To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning. And Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds.

¹⁸ At the end of the time set by the king to bring them into his service, the chief official presented them to Nebuchadnezzar. ¹⁹ The king talked with them, and he found none equal to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they entered the king's service. ²⁰ In every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king questioned them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters in his whole kingdom.

²¹ And Daniel remained there until the first year of King Cyrus.

The Word of the Lord.

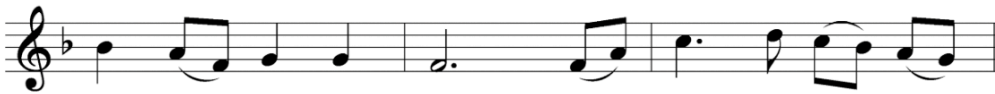
Thanks be to God.



1 Sing to the LORD, ye dis - tant lands, ye tribes of ev - 'ry
 2 Let heav'n pro-claim the joy - ful day; let joy on earth be
 3 Be - hold, he comes, he comes to bless the na - tions as their



tongue; his new - dis - cov - ered grace de - mands a
 seen; let cit - ies shine in bright ar - ray, and
 God, to show the world his right - eous - ness, and



new and no - bler song. Tell all the na - tions,
 fields in cheer - ful green. Let joy a - bove all
 send his truth a - broad. But when his voice shall



"Je - sus reigns, God's own al - might - y Son; his pow'r the
 joys sur - prise the is - lands of the sea; ye moun - tains
 raise the dead, and bid the world draw near, how will the



sink - ing world sus - tains, and grace sur - rounds his throne."
 sink; ye val - leys rise; pre - pare the LORD his way.
 guilt - y na - tions dread to see their judge ap - pear.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 13:1-7

¹ Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. ² Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. ³ For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. ⁴ For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. ⁵ Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience.

God has established governmental authority.

⁶ This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. ⁷ Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

5TH - 8TH GRADE ANTHEM (10:30am Service)

Work While It Is Day

Jan (Nelson) Gompfer; Arr. Deb Tetzlaff

So many eyes that cannot see.
So many hearts to be set free.
So little time for you and me
to help them find the way.

So many lives that still walk dead.
So many souls that must be fed,
needing to hear Christ's blood was shed;
Their ransom has been paid.

So much to share about God's grace,
How he's prepared a heavenly place.
Surely we can't give up the race;
we must work while it is day.

We've got the treasure in our hands;
We can't ignore the Lord's command
to spread his love to every land,
to work while it is day.

Refrain

Work while it is day; Soon the night is falling.
Christian don't delay; Heed the Savior's calling.
Do not worry if you're ready; God will guide
your way; Just simply work while it is day.

Refrain (x2)

Answer quickly when he calls you,
"Here am I, send me, send me!"

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. ¹⁶ They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. ¹⁷ Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?"

¹⁸ But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, ²⁰ and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?"

Give to the government what is the government's and give to God what is God's.

²¹ "Caesar's," they replied.

Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

²² When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

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 truly 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 worshiped 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.

SERMON

GIVE TO GOD WHAT IS GOD'S

Matthew 22:15-22

THANK 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.



EXHORTATION

Our Lord Jesus has given us a Holy Supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper, we celebrate the gift of redemption, bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and proclaim our Savior's death until he returns. Let us celebrate and receive this Sacrament in Christ's name and according to his command.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -
san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,
bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est.

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

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

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

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us | **767**

Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face | **660**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O Living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest!
The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest.

Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here
should my course on earth be lengthened, I serve with holy fear.

And when you call my spirit to leave this world below,
I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow. Amen.

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

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways | **705**

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MY WORSHIP NOTES



For children to use during worship.

Name _____

Date: _____

What is the name of the church season or special day today? _____

What is the color of the church today? Circle one:

Blue

White

Purple

Red

Green

The sermon text was: _____

This is in the: ☐ Old Testament ☐ New Testament

What was the sermon about? _____



My favorite song today was:



Did we have a Sacrament today?



Baptism?

☐ Yes

☐ No



Communion?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Draw a picture of something you heard or saw today:

What did you learn about God today?



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