

THE NEED FOR FOLLOWERSHIP



Followers of Christ Maintain
Proper Priorities

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!

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WORSHIP IN THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

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THE NEED FOR FOLLOWERSHIP

“We need better leadership!” Have you ever said that? Perhaps you were frustrated with the direction being taken by some elected official or by management at your workplace or by the coach of your favorite team. You were frustrated because you know that no matter how many resources an organization has, it will flounder if leaders do not lead well. 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.

- September 1Followers of Christ Obey His Law from the Heart
- September 8.....Followers of Christ See the True Purpose of His Power
- September 15.....Followers of Christ Are Armed for Battle
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- October 13Followers of Christ Maintain Proper Priorities**
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TODAY'S FOCUS: FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST MAINTAIN PROPER PRIORITIES

People think that establishing priorities is about ranking things in order of importance. But it is more than that. We do not have unlimited time and energy. So, establishing priorities enables us to say “no” to things which might be good yet not truly important. Without proper priorities, one inevitably will pursue that which is nice while downplaying that which is needed.

Throughout Scripture believers are urged to prioritize. It is the heart of the First Commandment: “You shall have no other gods before me” (Exodus 20:3). Jesus calls for prioritization when he says, “Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness” (Matthew 6:33). As followers of Christ we strive to maintain proper priorities and thank God for his grace and forgiveness when we don’t.

THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word | 919:1-3

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.

Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

Almighty God, merciful Father,

I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart.

In what I have done and left undone,

I have pursued my ways instead of your ways.

I have not loved others as you command.

For this I deserve your punishment now and forever.

I am sorry for my sins.

I repent of them.

I beg for your mercy.

Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, who suffered and died for us.

Cleanse me from my sins.

Release me from my guilt.

Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.

Jesus says to his people, "If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven." Therefore, in the name and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins.

Amen. May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, in our words, and in our actions.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word | 919:4

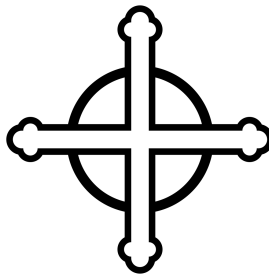
4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we your Word may trust,
con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, while we here be -
low must wan - der, till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: "4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and". The second staff continues: "ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we your Word may trust,". The third staff continues: "con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, while we here be -". The fourth staff concludes: "low must wan - der, till we sing your prais - es yon - der." The piece ends with a double bar line.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus Christ, you are our greatest treasure. The forgiveness, life, and salvation that you have won for us are more valuable than anything this world could ever give us. Forgive us for all the times that we have given up the number one place in our hearts that rightly belongs only to you, and by your Spirit, strengthen us to maintain proper priorities each day as we serve you and others; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.





THE WORD

FIRST READING

2 Kings 5:14-27

¹⁴ So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

¹⁵ Then Naaman and all his attendants went back to the man of God. He stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel. So please accept a gift from your servant."

¹⁶ The prophet answered, "As surely as the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will not accept a thing." And even though Naaman urged him, he refused.

The prophet Elisha's servant, Gehazi, prioritized riches over his walk with God.

¹⁷ "If you will not," said Naaman, "please let me, your servant, be given as much earth as a pair of mules can carry, for your servant will never again make burnt offerings and sacrifices to any other god but the Lord. ¹⁸ But may the Lord forgive your servant for this one thing: When my master enters the temple of Rimmon to bow down and he is leaning on my arm and I have to bow there also—when I bow down in the temple of Rimmon, may the Lord forgive your servant for this."

¹⁹ "Go in peace," Elisha said.

After Naaman had traveled some distance, ²⁰ Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said to himself, "My master was too easy on Naaman, this Aramean, by not accepting from him what he brought. As surely as the Lord lives, I will run after him and get something from him."

²¹ So Gehazi hurried after Naaman. When Naaman saw him running toward him, he got down from the chariot to meet him. "Is everything all right?" he asked.

²² "Everything is all right," Gehazi answered. "My master sent me to say, 'Two young men from the company of the prophets have just come to me from the hill country of Ephraim. Please give them a talent of silver and two sets of clothing.' "

²³ "By all means, take two talents," said Naaman. He urged Gehazi to accept them, and then tied up the two talents of silver in two bags, with two sets of clothing. He gave them to two of his servants, and they carried them ahead of Gehazi. ²⁴ When Gehazi came to the hill, he took the things from the servants and put them away in the house. He sent the men away and they left.

²⁵ When he went in and stood before his master, Elisha asked him, "Where have you been, Gehazi?"

"Your servant didn't go anywhere," Gehazi answered.

²⁶ But Elisha said to him, "Was not my spirit with you when the man got down from his chariot to meet you? Is this the time to take money or to accept clothes—or olive groves and vineyards, or flocks and herds, or male and female slaves? ²⁷ Naaman's leprosy will cling to you and to your descendants forever." Then Gehazi went from Elisha's presence and his skin was leprous—it had become as white as snow.

The Word of the Lord.

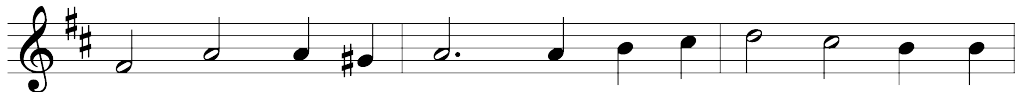
Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 90



1 We live, O Lord, with - in your grace, for you have
3 You say to chil - dren of the earth: "Re - turn to
5 So teach us, Lord, to count our days; make wise our
6 Your stead - fast love will sat - is - fy and be our



been our dwell - ing place; be - fore the moun - tains came to
dust, which gave you birth!" We grow like grass be - neath the
hearts to seek your ways. How long, O LORD, till you re -
joy un - til we die. Though e - vil days may grieve our



be, you are true God e - ter - nal - ly.
sun, but with - er when our day is done.
turn? How much, O LORD, for you we yearn!
soul, we trust that you will make us whole.

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SECOND READING

Hebrews 4:12-13

¹² For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. ¹³ Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

God's Word is like a sword. It cuts through our pretensions and pride and exposes our true priorities.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Mark 10:17-27

¹⁷ As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

¹⁸ "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.'"

²⁰ "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy."

²¹ Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

²² At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

²³ Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"

²⁴ The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

²⁶ The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?"

²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."

Jesus helps a young man see a problem deeper than his failure to keep God's law perfectly—that he prioritized his wealth above the call to follow Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

CHILDREN'S LESSON

The children are invited to come forward and sit on the steps leading up to the altar for a Bible lesson with the pastor.

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Worth Is Not in What I Own | 753

SERMON

WHAT DO YOU TREASURE?

Mark 10:17-27

CONFESSION OF FAITH

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.



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.



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 (8am & 6:30pm)

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise | **931**

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CLOSING HYMN (10:30am)

May the Peoples Praise You
Keith & Kristyn Getty

The choir sings verses 1-4, the first two chorus's, and the bridge.

The congregation joins the choir for verse 5 and the chorus's marked in bold.

[Verses 1-2]

You have called us out of darkest night
Into Your glorious light
That we may sing the wonders of
The risen Christ

May our every breath retell the grace
That broke into our strife
With boundless love and deepest joy
With endless life

[Chorus]

May the peoples praise You
Let the nations be glad
All Your blessing comes
That we may praise
May praise the Name of Jesus

[Verses 3-4]

All the earth is Yours and all within
Each harvest is Your own
And from Your hand we give to You
To make Christ known

May the seeds of mercy grow in us
For those who have not heard
May songs of praise build lives of grace
To spread Your Word

[Chorus]

May the peoples praise You
Let the nations be glad
All Your blessing comes
That we may praise
May praise the Name of Jesus

[Verse 5]

**This our holy privilege to declare
Your praises and Your name
To every nation, tribe and tongue
Your church proclaims**

[Chorus]

**May the peoples praise You
Let the nations be glad
All Your blessing comes
That we may praise
May praise the Name of Jesus**

[Bridge]

Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty
Worthy, worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty
All creation praise Your glorious Name

[Chorus x2]

**May the peoples praise You
Let the nations be glad
All Your blessing comes
That we may praise
May praise the Name of Jesus**



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?

