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8:30 a.m.

Redeemer Lutheran Church and School

Reaching Out into the Community
To Do What's Best for the Community

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Welcome to worship with the Redeemer family! We are pleased that you joined us for worship today. Our regular worship schedule each Sunday is **8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.** Adult and youth Bible classes are held at **9:45 a.m.** as listed in the information page. If infants/toddlers become restless during worship, you are welcome to use the parent's room, located at the right of the narthex as you leave the sanctuary, but please come back. Children's quiet bags for use during church services are available in the narthex.

Order of Worship

*The worshipers are invited to sing or speak the words in **bold print** throughout the worship service.*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

“Sing and Shout”

Redman

Your cross, Your cross, it draws me to Your heart,

It makes my spirit sing, it makes my spirit sing.

Your grace, Your grace, oh, I hear it call my name.

I'm waking up to sing, I'm waking up to sing. Oh, oh, oh, oh. (Repeat)

(Chorus) **We will sing and shout, yeah, sing and shout,**

Open up our hearts and pour Your praises out.

We will sing and shout, yeah, sing and shout,

Open up our hearts and pour Your praises out.

Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh.

Because, because, because Your love came down,

It makes me want to sing, it makes me want to sing.

Because, because, because You call my name,

I'm waking up to sing, I'm waking up to sing! (Chorus)

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Invocation

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

Amen.

Confession

Lord God Almighty, during this season of growth we come to You in worship seeking Your forgiveness. We have not always read, marked and inwardly digested You Holy Word as You require. We have not been entirely faithful as Your baptized children. We have not kept our eyes fixed on You and the feast of victory that is ours in Your Son. Renew us today, that we might walk with You this week and grow in Your grace. We pray this in Jesus name. Amen.

Forgiveness of Sins

Song of Praise

“He Knows My Name”

Tommy Walker

I have a Maker. He formed my heart. Before even time began my life was in His hand.

Chorus: **He knows my name. He knows my ev'ry thought.**

He sees each tear that falls and hears me when I call.

I have a Father. He calls me His own. He'll never leave me no matter where I go.

(chorus)

And hears me when I call.

Prayer of the Day

We pray together:

Merciful Father, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of Jesus' redeeming work and daily follow in His way. In Jesus' name, Amen.

The First Reading

Isaiah 51:1-6 ESV

51 "Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. 2 Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. 3 For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. 4 "Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. 5 My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. 6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The Second Reading

Romans 11:33-12:8 ESV

33 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! 34 "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" 35 "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" 36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. 12 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. 3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. 4 For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, 5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. 6 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; 7 if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; 8 the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:13-20 ESV

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” 14 And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” 15 He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” 16 Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” 17 And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” 20 Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ!

Children’s Message

Sermon Song of Praise

“Your Grace is Enough”

Matt Maher

**Great is Your faithfulness, O God of Jacob;
You wrestle with the sinner’s restless heart.
You lead me by still waters into mercy
Where nothing can keep us apart.**

Chorus: **So, remember Your people, remember Your children;
Remember Your promise, O God.
For Your grace is enough, yeah, Your grace is enough.
Yeah, Your grace is enough; yeah, Your grace is enough for me.**

**Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob;
You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of heaven’s vict’ry
And all Your people sing along. (*chorus*)**

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Message

The Apostles’ Creed

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering of the Tithes and Offerings

(Please stand when the pastor stands and approaches the altar.)

“The River Is Here”

Andy Park

Down the mountain, the river flows, and it brings refreshing wherever it goes.

Through the valleys and over the fields, the river is rushing, and the river is here.

Chorus: **The river of God sets our feet a-dancing,
The river of God fills our hearts with cheer.
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter,
And we rejoice for the river is here.**

The river of God is teeming with life, and all who touch it can be revived.

And all who linger on this river's shore will come back thirsting

For more of the Lord. (*chorus*)

Up to the mountain we love to go, to find the presence of the Lord.

Along the banks of the river we run; we dance with laughter,

Giving praise to the Son. (*chorus*)

Down the mountain, the river flows, and it brings refreshing wherever it goes.

Through the valleys and over the fields, the river is rushing,

And the river is here. (*chorus*)

Yes, we rejoice for the river is here.

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The Offering Prayer

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Distribution Songs of Praise

(Holy Communion is a special meal for the baptized followers of Jesus. Jesus is present in the bread and wine. He says, “This is My body...This is My blood.” If you share this belief in His real presence, are repentant of your sins, and are baptized in the Triune God, you are welcome. Children who have not received instruction in the meaning of Holy Communion are invited forward for a blessing; please fold your arms in front of you. Wine is offered via the common cup and individual

glass. Non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center of each tray. Hand your connection card to the usher as you go up for communion..) (Please join in singing:)

“Lamb of God”

Marty Haugen

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You are the way of mercy and love:
Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You are the bread of life for us all:
Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:
Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.**

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“Humble King”

Brenton Brown

**O kneel me down again, here at Your feet;
Show me how much You love humility.
Oh, Spirit, be the star that leads me to
The humble heart of love I see in You.**

Chorus: **‘Cause You are the God of the broken, the Friend of the weak;
You wash the feet of the weary, embrace the ones in need.
I want to be like You, Jesus, to have this heart in me.
You are the God of the humble; You are the humble King.**

(Repeat from the beginning.)

You are the God of the humble; You are the humble King.

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“O Church Arise”

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**O Church, arise, and put your armour on; Hear the call of Christ our Captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong, in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth, we’ll stand against the devil’s lies;
An army bold, whose battle cry is Love, reaching out to those in darkness.
Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on ev’ry side, we know the outcome is secure.
And Christ will have the prize for which He died, an inheritance of nations.
Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet as the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, for the Conqueror has risen.
And as the stone is rolled away and Christ emerges from the grave,
This vict’ry march continues till the day ev’ry eye and heart shall see Him.
So Spirit, come, put strength in ev’ry stride, give grace for ev’ry hurdle;
That we may run with faith, to win the prize of a servant, good and faithful.**

**As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls, and hunger for the day when, with Christ, we stand in glory.**

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The Communion Blessing

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

Forgiven and fed, you are now entering the mission field.

Here am I, Lord, send me!

Go in peace, serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Closing Song of Praise

“You Hold Everything”

Robinson/Redman

**God of light, God of everlasting peace,
God of time and all eternity: You hold everything.
Shining grace over all our yesterdays,
Giving hope for all tomorrow brings: You hold everything.**

(Chorus) **You're the God of the possible, You're the God of the weak made strong:
Nothing can stand, nothing can stand against You, against You.
You're the King of the empty grave, we will rise in Your mighty name;
We're in Your hands, we're in Your hands forever, forever.**

**God of light, God of everlasting peace,
God of time and all eternity: You hold everything.
My life is in Your hands: You hold everything. *(Chorus)***

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