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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

“Let There Be Wonder”

Redman

**Let this place be an upper room where Your people learn to wait.
Let this house become holy ground where your children watch and pray.
O, remind us today: we are people of Your presence.**

(Chorus) **Let there be wonder, let there be wonder in this place.
Let there be worship, let there be worship for Your name.
Come, Holy Spirit, how we need Your fire again.
Let there be wonder, let there be wonder.**

**We’re in awe, and we fear Your name, but we will not be afraid.
For the King in His holiness is our Father and our friend.
O, remind us today, we are people of Your presence. *(Chorus)***

**Is He not the God who parted the sea? Is He not the One who heals our disease?
Is He not the source of all that we need? You’re all that we need.
Is He not the God who emptied the grave? Is He not the One who breaks ev’ry
chain?**

Is He not the hope still with us today? You’re with us today. *(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

“We Fall Down”

Chris Tomlin

**We fall down. We lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus.
The greatness of mercy and love, at the feet of Jesus.
And we cry holy, holy, holy. And we cry holy, holy, holy.**

And we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.

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Prayer of the Day

We pray together:

O God, You are our strength. Help us to keep Your commandments and please You in will and deed. In Jesus' name, Amen.

The First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7 ESV

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!^[c]

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The Second Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14 ESV

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law,^[c] blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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Thanks be to God!

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:33-46 ESV

“Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴ When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants^[L] to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵ And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ ³⁹ And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰ When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹ They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.” ⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;’^[L] this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’? ⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴ And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”^[L] ⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ!

Children’s Message

Sermon Song of Praise

“Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer”

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Jesus, draw me ever nearer as I labor through the storm.

You have called me to this passage and I’ll follow though I’m worn.

May this journey bring a blessing, may I rise on wings of faith;

And at the end of my heart’s testing, with Your likeness let me wake.

Jesus guide me through the tempest, keep my spirit staid and sure.

When the midnight meets the morning, let me love You even more.

May this journey bring a blessing, may I rise on wings of faith;

And at the end of my heart’s testing, with Your likeness let me wake.

Let the treasures of the trial form within me as I go.

And at the end of this long passage, let me leave them at Your throne.

May this journey bring a blessing, may I rise on wings of faith;

And at the end of my heart’s testing, with Your likeness let me wake.

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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.)

“O Praise the Name”

Sampson

I cast my mind to Calvary where Jesus bled and died for me.

I see His wounds, His hands, His feet. My Savior on that cursed tree.

His body bound and drenched in tears, they laid Him down in Joseph's tomb.

The entrance sealed by heavy stone. Messiah still and all alone.

(Chorus) **O Praise the Name of the Lord our God.**

O praise His Name forevermore.

For endless days we will sing Your praise.

Oh Lord, oh Lord our God.

Then on the third at break of dawn, the Son of Heaven rose again.

O trampled death, where is your sting? The angels roar for Christ the King. *(Chorus)*

He shall return in robes of white, the blazing sun shall pierce the night.

And I will rise among the saints, my gaze transfixed on Jesus' face. *(chorus)*

Oh Lord, oh Lord, our God.

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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”

Wanous

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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“The Wonderful Cross”

Tomlin/Watts/Walt/Reeves/Mason

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died.

My richest gain I count but loss. And pour contempt on all my pride.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.

Did e'er such love and sorrow meet? Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Chorus: **O the wonderful cross! O the wonderful cross!**

Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.

O the wonderful cross! O the wonderful cross!

All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an off'ring far too small.

Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all. (*Chorus*)

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“Psalm 23”

Townend

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me lie in pastures green.

He leads me by the still, still waters, His goodness restores my soul.

(Chorus) **And I will trust in You alone, and I will trust in You alone;**

For Your endless mercy follows me, Your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness, and He anoints my head with oil;

And my cup, it overflow with joy, I feast on His pure delights. (*Chorus*)

And though I walk the darkest path, I will not fear the evil one,

For You are with me, and Your rod and staff are the comfort I need to know. (*Chorus*)

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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

“God So Loved”

Cash

Come all you weary, come all you thirsty. Come to the well that never runs dry.

Drink of the water, come and thirst no more.

Come all you sinners, come find His mercy. Come to the table; He will satisfy.

Taste of His goodness, find what you’re looking for.

(Chorus) **For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us.**

Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions.

Come lay them down and the foot of the cross.

Jesus is waiting there with open arms. *(Chorus)*

The pow’r of hell forever defeated. Now it is well, I’m walking in freedom.

For God so loved, God so loved the world.

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