

REDEEMER

HELP, HOPE, HOME, IN THE BODY OF CHRIST.

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REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WORSHIP... All worship begins with God. He is our Creator and He desires us to be in relationship with Him. He reaches out to us, and, in worship, draws us closer to Him. Jesus whom we come to know through Word and Sacrament, is the way God reveals Himself to us. And more, it is in His name that we approach the throne of the Almighty. In worship the believer through Jesus Christ, reaches out to his heavenly Father. As the Holy Spirit works through Word and Sacrament, we become aware of our need for God, and seek fellowship with God in the company of fellow believers.

LUTHERAN... Originally a derogatory term for those who reminded the Church that it is **“by grace you are saved through faith; and that not of yourself; it is a gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.”** (*Ephesians 2:8-9*) Now, we embrace Lutheran to mean we are disciples of Jesus Christ who agree with Dr. Luther’s teaching from the Bible as summarized in his Small Catechism.

...DECENTLY AND IN ORDER... (*cf. 1 Corinthians 14:40*) Whether the service is closer to what some would call “traditional” or others “contemporary” - whether we are using hymns that may even pre-date the Reformation or music written in our lifetimes - there is an order to worship comprised of three parts: the Service of Preparation, the Service of the Word, and the Service of the Sacrament. Together, these three sections make up the whole worship order.

HELP, HOPE, HOME, IN THE BODY OF CHRIST... If you have no church home of your own, we encourage you to get to know us and we invite you to participate in the other activities here. And more, we cordially invite you to join God’s family here at Redeemer.

THE DIVINE SERVICE

THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE

An Early American Hymn

Traditional

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Church of God, Elect and Glorious

Church of God, elect and glorious,
Holy nation, chosen race;
Called as God's own special people,
Royal priests and heirs of grace:
Know the purpose of your calling,
Show to all His mighty deeds;
Tell of love that knows no limits,
Grace that meets all human needs.

God has called you out of darkness
Into His most marv'ulous light;
Brought His truth to life within you,
Turned your blindness into sight.
Let your light so shine around you
That God's name is glorified
And all find fresh hope and purpose
In Christ Jesus crucified.

Church of God, elect and holy,
Be the people He intends;
Strong in faith and swift to answer
Each command your Master sends:
Royal priests, fulfill your calling
Through your sacrifice and prayer;
Give your lives in joyful service—
Sing His praise, His love declare.

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

INVOCATION

The sign of the cross ✝ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

✠ Amen.

Matthew 28: 19b; [18: 20]

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

ℓ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

✠ **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

1 John 1: 8–9

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

ℓ Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

✠ **Almighty God, as we stand before Your holy throne, we confess our unworthiness to be in Your presence. Your Law is perfect and true. We are by nature sinful, and we have failed to do what Your Law commands, and we have done what You tell us not to do. Even when we are unaware of it, our sin separates us from Your holy presence. By the grace You show us in the salvation of Jesus Christ, clothe us in His righteousness, which we wear as Your baptized children. Renew our hearts and strengthen our confidence in You and the free gift of Your righteousness. Amen.**

The Leader faces the congregation:

ℓ Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[John 20: 19–23]

✠ Amen.

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

(Romans 5:1)

SERVICE OF THE WORD

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4: 22

ℓ The Lord be with you.

☩ **And also with you.**

ℓ Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day is spoken.

☩ **Amen**

The congregation is seated.

ANTHEM

Give Me Jesus
Tina Grabosky, soloist

TBA

THE READING OF GOD'S WRITTEN WORD

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

After the reading:

ℓ This is the Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Philemon 1-21

After the reading:

ℓ This is the Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

HOLY GOSPEL


ℓ The Holy Gospel according to **Luke**, the 14th chapter.

☩ **Glory to You, O Lord.**



After the reading:

ℓ This is the Gospel of the Lord.


☩ **Praise to You, O Christ.**





1. O Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve Thee to the end;
 2. O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ev - er near;
 3. O let me hear Thee speak - ing, In ac - cents clear and still,
 4. O Je - sus, Thou hast prom - ised To all who fol - low Thee


Be Thou for ev - er near me, My Mas - ter and my Friend:
 I see the sights that daz - zle, The tempt - ing sounds I hear;
 A - bove the storms of pas - sion, The mur - murs of self - will;
 That where Thou art in glo - ry There shall Thy ser - vant be;

I shall not fear the bat - tle If Thou art by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, A - round me and with - in;
 O speak to re - as - sure me, To has - ten or con - trol;
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve Thee to the end;

Nor wan - der from the path - way If Thou wilt be my guide.
 But, Je - sus, draw Thou near - er, And shield my soul from sin.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, Thou guard - ian of my soul.
 O give me grace to fol - low, My Mas - ter and my Friend. A - MEN.



SERMON

Discipleship – What's the Cost?

TITHES & OFFERINGS

(Malachi 3:6-10; 2 Corinthians 9:7)

OFFERTORY

Hark, The Voice of Jesus Calling

Joseph Barney

THE APOSTLES' CREED

(Romans 10:9-10)

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2: 1– 4]

After each petition:

- Ⓛ In Your mercy,
- Ⓒ hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:7-13; 1 Chronicles 29:11-13

- Ⓒ **Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

- Ⓛ Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My (†) body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My (†) blood, which is shed for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Once He Came in Blessing

Once He came in blessing,
All our sins redressing;
 Came in likeness lowly,
 Son of God most holy;
Bore the cross to save us;
Hope and freedom gave us.

Now He gently leads us;
With Himself He feeds us
 Precious food from heaven,
 Pledge of peace here given,
Manna that will nourish
Souls that they may flourish.

Soon will come that hour
When with mighty power
 Christ will come in splendor
 And will judgment render,
With the faithful sharing
Joy beyond comparing.

Come, then, O Lord Jesus,
From our sins release us.
 Keep our hearts believing,
 That we, grace receiving,
Ever may confess You
Till in heav'n we bless You.

I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
Trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation,
Great and free.

I am trusting Thee for pardon;
At Thy feet I bow,
For Thy grace and tender mercy
Trusting now.

I am trusting Thee for cleansing
In the crimson flood;
Trusting Thee to make me holy
By Thy blood.

I am trusting Thee to guide me;
Thou alone shalt lead,
Ev'ry day and hour supplying
All my need.

I am trusting Thee for power;
Thine can never fail.
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me
Must prevail.

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever
And for all.

I Received the Living God

Refrain



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



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1 Je - sus said: I am the bread knead - ed long to give you life;
2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; if you fol - low close to me,
4 Je - sus said: I am the life far from whom no thing can grow,

Refrain



you who will par-take of me need not ev - er fear to die.
so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.
you will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.
but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

TABLE THANKSGIVING

ℒ Now, may this the true body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you in the one true faith unto life everlasting as you go in His peace and with His Spirit.

✠ Amen.

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

ℒ God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

✠ Amen

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26)

ℒ 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 His peace.

✠ Amen.

RECESSIONAL

Onward, Christiann Soldiers

Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before.
Christ, the royal master,
Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle
See His banners go!

Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before.

Like a mighty army
 Moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading
 Where the saints have trod.
We are not divided,
 All one body we,
One in hope and doctrine,
 One in charity.

Onward, Christian soldiers,
 Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
 Going on before.

Onward, then, ye faithful,
 Join our happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices
 In the triumph song:
Glory, laud, and honor
 Unto Christ, the king;
This through countless ages
 Men and angels sing.

Onward, Christian soldiers,
 Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
 Going on before.

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DISMISSAL

L Go in Peace; Trust Your King!

(Judges 18:6; Luke 7:50)

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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CONCERNING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper was commanded by Jesus Himself. (1 Corinthians 11:23-25) It is celebrated at this altar in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. We are also called upon to examine ourselves before participating in this holy meal. (cf. 1 Corinthians 10:16; 11:23-29; Mathew 26:28; John 6:53-58)

Q. Do you acknowledge your sins and are you willing to turn from them with the aid and assistance of the Holy Spirit?

A. Yes, I acknowledge my sin and seek the Lord's mercy. (1 John 1:8-9)

Q. Do you believe that God, for Jesus' sake, has forgiven you all your sins?

A. Yes, Christ died for me and suffered the punishment that I deserved. (Isaiah 53:4-6; Romans 6:21-23)

Q. Do you believe that the Lord offers Christian His body and blood, in, with, and under the bread and the wine for the strengthening of faith and the forgiveness of sins?

A. Yes, I believe the Scripture which teaches, "Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ?" (2 Corinthians 10:16)

Members of the LCMS and Redeemer Lutheran Church believe that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior and affirm the statements above. If you agree, without reservation, to these statements above, you are invited to come to His Table. If you do not agree with one or more of these statements, please refrain from participating in Holy Communion. Our communion practice is not intended to offend or exclude, but is an expression of our concern for people and our high regard for the Sacrament as Christ instituted it. We encourage you to speak with our Pastor or Elders about any statement(s) of disagreement and/or regarding the Holy Supper and the process of joining our congregation.

Q. Why did Jesus willingly sacrifice Himself on behalf of lost and condemned sinners like us?

A. For His great love for the Father and for me and other sinners as it is revealed in John 3, John 11, Romans 5, and 1 John 3.

Q. Should Christians with weak faith receive the sacrament?

A. The Sacrament is especially offered for those of weak faith. (Isaiah 42:3; John 6:37)

Q. What conditions should cause a Christian to refrain from receiving the Sacrament?

A. Disbelief (Hebrews 11:6), unwillingness to forgive another (Matthew 6:14-15), hatred (John 4:19-21), a refusal to repent (Acts 17:30), and refusal to recognize the body and blood of the Lord in the Sacrament. (1 Corinthians 11:28-29)

Q. How then, does the Christian live?

A. The entirety of the Christian's life is offered to the Lord as a "living sacrifice." (Romans 12:1-2)