

# REDEEMER

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

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Redeemer Lutheran Church-LCMS  
Charleston, WV

## 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.

Explanation for the parts of the service come from *Worship Is*

*Celebrating As Lutherans*, by Walter M. Schoedel & David W. Christian, (Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Missouri, 1990) Worship Service adapted from “Divine Service Setting One,” *Lutheran Service Book* (Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Missouri, 2006).



## THE DIVINE SERVICE

### THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

#### PRELUDE

*From God the Father, Virgin-Born*  
Setting: Janet Muth

#### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Arise, Your Light Has Come*

Arise, your light is come!  
The Spirit's call obey;  
Show forth the glory of your God  
Which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come!  
Fling wide the prison door;  
Proclaim the captive's liberty,  
Good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come!  
All you in sorrow born,  
Bind up the brokenhearted ones  
And comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come!  
The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing,  
God's pow'r will make us strong.

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### INVOCATION

The sign of the cross  $\oplus$  may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

$\textcircled{P}$  In the name of the Father and of the  $\oplus$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

$\textcircled{G}$  Amen.

Matthew 28: 19b; [18: 20]

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

℣ 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.*

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

✠ **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

*The Leader faces the congregation:*

℣ 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 Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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

### SERVICE OF THE WORD

#### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4: 22

℣ The Lord be with you.

✠ **And also with you.**

℣ Let us pray.

*The Collect of the Day is spoken.*

✠ **Amen**

#### ANTHEM

*Arise, Shine!*

## THE READING OF GOD'S WRITTEN WORD

### FIRST READING

**Numbers 11:24-30**

*After the reading:*

℣ This is the Word of the Lord.

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

### EPISTLE

**1 Thessalonians 5:12-24**

*After the reading:*

℣ This is the Word of the Lord.

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

### HOLY GOSPEL

℣ The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

✠ **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

℣ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

✠ **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## SERMON HYMN

The people that in darkness sat  
A glorious light have seen;  
The light has shined on them who long  
In shades of death have been,  
In shades of death have been.

To us a Child of hope is born,  
To us a Son is giv'n,  
And on His shoulder ever rests  
All pow'r in earth and heav'n,  
All pow'r in earth and heav'n.

Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,  
And make us Thine alone,  
Who with the Father ever art  
And Holy Spirit, one,  
And Holy Spirit, one.

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## SERMON

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

## OFFERTORY

## *The People That in Darkness Sat*

## *Help, Hope, Home - Do Not Quench the Spirit*

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

*Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning*

**J. Harding**

## THE NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2: 1– 4]

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**G** 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:

## *Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord*

Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;  
Offered was He for greatest and for least,  
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
To all believers life eternal yields;  
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow  
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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## *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart,  
wean it from sin, through all its pulses move.  
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as you are,  
and make me love you as I ought to love.

Did you not bid us love you, God and King,  
love you with all our heart and strength and mind?  
I see the cross there teach my heart to cling.  
O let me seek you and O let me find!

Teach me to feel that you are always nigh;  
teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,  
to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;  
teach me the patience of unceasing prayer.

Teach me to love you as your angels love,  
one holy passion filling all my frame:  
the fullness of the heaven-descended Dove;  
my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

### *Just as I Am, without One Plea*

Just as I am, without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am; Thy love unknown  
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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### **TABLE THANKSGIVING**

Ⓟ 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**

Ⓟ God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

🕊 **Amen**

### **BENEDICTION**

(Numbers 6:24-26)

Ⓟ 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**

### *Christ Is the World's Light*

Christ is the world's light, he and none other:  
born in our darkness, he became our brother;  
if we have seen him, we have seen the Father:  
Glory to God on high.

Christ is the world's peace, he and none other:  
no one can serve him and despise a brother;  
who else unites us, one in God the Father?  
Glory to God on high.

Give God the glory, God and none other;  
give God the glory, Spirit, Son and Father;  
give God the glory, God in man my brother;  
Glory to God on high.

### **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in Peace; Serve Your King!

🕊 **Thanks be to God!**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Spread the Reign of God the Lord*  
*Setting: The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941*

## 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)**

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