



# REDEEMER

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

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Redeemer Lutheran Church-LCMS

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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

*Seek Where You May to Find a Way*  
—Johann Stobaus; setting: Joseph Herl

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear  
Now to His temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things is wondrously reigning  
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen  
All that is needful has been  
Sent by His gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen  
Sound from His people again;  
Gladly forever adore Him!

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### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Stand*

### INVOCATION

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

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

 **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.
- ☩ **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:*

- ℣ 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

- ℣ The Lord be with you.
- ☩ **And also with you.**
- ℣ Let us pray.

*The Collect of the Day is spoken.*

- ☩ **Amen**

*The congregation is seated.*

## THE READING OF GOD'S WRITTEN WORD

### FIRST READING

**Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-26**

*After the reading:*

- ℣ This is the Word of the Lord.
- ☩ **Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING

**Colossians 3:1-11**

*After the reading:*

- ℣ This is the Word of the Lord.
- ☩ **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

### HOLY GOSPEL

- ℣ The Holy Gospel according to **Luke**, the 12<sup>th</sup> -chapter.

- ☩ **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

- ℣ This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- ☩ **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### SERMON HYMN

***All People That on Earth Do Dwell***

All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.  
Him serve with mirth, His praise forthtell;  
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
Without our aid He did us make.  
We are His folk, He doth us feed,  
And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise;  
Approach with joy His courts unto.  
Praise, laud, and bless His name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good:  
His mercy is forever sure.  
His truth at all times firmly stood  
And shall from age to age endure.

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## SERMON

*Know that He is God*

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

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

## OFFERTORY

*The God of Abraham Praise*  
—Hebrew tune; setting: *Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1875*

## 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:*

- Ⓛ Lord, 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

*I Received the Living God*

*Be Thou My Vision*

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.

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LIVING GOD  
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Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
 naught be all else to me, save that thou art -  
 thou my best thought by day or by night,  
 waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
 thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
 thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
 High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
 may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!  
 Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
 still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
 Let me hide myself in Thee;  
 Let the water and the blood,  
 From Thy riven side which flowed,  
 Be of sin the double cure:  
 Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands  
 Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;  
 Could my zeal no respite know,  
 Could my tears forever flow,  
 All for sin could not atone;  
 Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring;  
 Simply to Thy cross I cling.  
 Naked, come to Thee for dress;  
 Helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
 Foul, I to the fountain fly;  
 Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown,  
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee.

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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

- ℣ Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live:  
may we so receive within ourselves  
the power of his death and passion  
that, in his saving cup,  
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
- ☩ **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

Refrain:  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,  
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. Refrain

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. Refrain

So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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## DISMISSAL

- ℣ Go in Peace; Trust Your King!
- ☩ **Thanks be to God!**

*Lift High the Cross*

(Judges 18:6; Luke 7:50)

## POSTLUDE

*Hymn of Joy*

—Grosvenor

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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)**