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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

“Sing Wherever I Go”

Bergthold

(Chorus) **All my life, all I know, God’s been good, good to my soul.**

Mountain high, valley low, I’m gonna sing wherever I go. *(Repeat chorus)*

God is for me, He’s not against me. I will hold to the plans He has for me.

When I’m broken, He will fix me. I will call on the name of the Lord. *(Chorus)*

He’s my heartsong in my sorrow. He’s my hope and my strength for tomorrow.

When the storms rise all around me, I will call on the name of the Lord. *(Chorus twice)*

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Confession and Forgiveness

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

Through Baptism, the Holy Spirit raises us a new way of living which starts in our hearts and minds, then branches out into our daily relationships with believer and unbeliever. It is life characterized by sacrifice, service, love, honor, prayer, blessing, humility, and peace, even toward those who seek to harm us. Paul writes in Romans 12:2 – *“Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern the good, acceptable and perfect will of God.”*

Father, it is so hard to live in this world and not be influenced by it. We fail so many times. However, we are so thankful You do not base Your love and forgiveness on how well we live. You base it on how well Jesus did. He lived the perfect life, made the perfect sacrifice, and perfectly conquered death by His resurrection. I put my faith in Him. Forgive me for His sake and restore to me the joy of salvation. Through the Holy Spirit help me live in the world but not of it. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for His sake God forgives you all your sin of mind, word, and deed. His resurrection guarantees it. You are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Song of Praise

“I Surrender All”

Weeden

All to Jesus I surrender, all to Him I freely give;

I will ever love and trust Him, in His presence daily live.

Chorus: **I surrender all, I surrender all.**

All to Thee my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender, humbly at His feet I bow;

Worldly pleasures all forsaken, take me, Jesus, take me now. *(Chorus)*

**All to Jesus I surrender, make me, Savior, wholly Thine;
Let me feel the Holy Spirit, truly know that Thou art mine. (Chorus)**

**All to Jesus I surrender, now I feel the sacred flame;
O the joy of full salvation! Glory, glory to His name! (Chorus)**

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Prayer of the Day

Holy Spirit, continually help us as we face the tests of faith. Give us the strength, courage, and peace of Jesus, and keep us faithful. Amen.

The First Reading

Daniel 1:1-21 ESV

Daniel is taken into exile in Babylon where his faith will be tested.

In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. ² And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with some of the vessels of the house of God. And he brought them to the land of Shinar, to the house of his god, and placed the vessels in the treasury of his god. ³ Then the king commanded Ashpenaz, his chief eunuch, to bring some of the people of Israel, both of the royal family and of the nobility, ⁴ youths without blemish, of good appearance and skillful in all wisdom, endowed with knowledge, understanding learning, and competent to stand in the king's palace, and to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans. ⁵ The king assigned them a daily portion of the food that the king ate, and of the wine that he drank. They were to be educated for three years, and at the end of that time they were to stand before the king. ⁶ Among these were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah of the tribe of Judah. ⁷ And the chief of the eunuchs gave them names: Daniel he called Belteshazzar, Hananiah he called Shadrach, Mishael he called Meshach, and Azariah he called Abednego. ⁸ But Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself with the king's food, or with the wine that he drank. Therefore he asked the chief of the eunuchs to allow him not to defile himself. ⁹ And God gave Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the chief of the eunuchs, ¹⁰ and the chief of the eunuchs said to Daniel, "I fear my lord the king, who assigned your food and your drink; for why should he see that you were in worse condition than the youths who are of your own age? So you would endanger my head with the king." ¹¹ Then Daniel said to the steward whom the chief of the eunuchs had assigned over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, ¹² "Test your servants for ten days; let us be given vegetables to eat and water to drink. ¹³ Then let our appearance and the appearance of the youths who eat the king's food be observed by you, and deal with your servants according to what you see." ¹⁴ So he listened to them in this matter, and tested them for ten days. ¹⁵ At the end of ten days it was seen that they were better in appearance and fatter in flesh than all the youths who ate the king's food. ¹⁶ So the steward took away their food and the wine they were to drink, and gave them vegetables. ¹⁷ As for these four youths, God gave them learning and skill in all literature and wisdom, and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams. ¹⁸ At the end of the time, when the king had commanded that they should be brought in, the chief of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. ¹⁹ And the king spoke with them, and among all of them none was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and

Azariah. Therefore they stood before the king. ²⁰ And in every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters that were in all his kingdom. ²¹ And Daniel was there until the first year of King Cyrus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The Second Reading

James 1:1-12 ESV

As a follower of Jesus your faith will be tested.

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings. ² Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴ And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. ⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. ⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸ he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. ⁹ Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, ¹⁰ and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. ¹¹ For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits. ¹² Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

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Thanks be to God!

The Gospel Reading

Luke 4:1-12 ESV

Jesus is tested by Satan.

And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ² for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. ³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” ⁴ And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” ⁵ And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶ and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘“You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.”’” ⁹ And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written, ‘“He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,’” ¹¹ and ““On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.”” ¹² And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ!

Children's Message

Sermon Song of Praise

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

Habershon

**When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.**

(Chorus) **He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.**

**Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. *(Chorus)***

**For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last! *(Chorus twice)***

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Message

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.

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.

Prayers of the People

Gathering of the Tithes and Offerings

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

“Raise a Hallelujah”

Helser

I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies.

I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief.

I raise a hallelujah; my weapon is a melody.

I raise a hallelujah; Heaven comes to fight for me.

(Chorus) **I’m gonna sing in the middle of the storm.**

Louder and louder, you’re gonna hear my praises roar.

Up from the ashes hope will arise. Death is defeated;

The King is alive.

I raise a hallelujah with ev’rything inside of me.

I raise a hallelujah; I will watch the darkness flee.

I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery.

I raise a hallelujah; fear, you lost your hold on me. *(Chorus)*

I raise a hallelujah. I raise a hallelujah.

I raise a hallelujah. I raise a hallelujah.

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The Offering Prayer

The Lord’s 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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“In Christ Alone”

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**In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings
cease.**

My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin’s curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow’r of Christ in me;
From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand!**

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“My Worth Is Not in What I Own”

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**My worth is not in what I own; not in the strength of flesh and bone.
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross.**

**My worth is not in skill or name; in win or lose, in pride or shame.
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.**

(Chorus) **I rejoice in my Redeemer. Greatest treasure, wellspring of my soul.
I will trust in Him, no other; my soul is satisfied in Him alone.**

**I will not boast in wealth or might, or human wisdom’s fleeting light.
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross.**

**Two wonders here that I confess: my worth and my unworthiness.
My value fixed, my ransom paid at the cross. *(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

“My Life Is in You”

Daniel Gardner

Chorus: **My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord,
My hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You. (repeat)**

**I will praise You with all of my life. I will praise You with all of my strength.
With all of my life, with all of my strength, All of my hope is in You. (chorus)
In You.**

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