

The Baptism of Jesus
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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. 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

“Majestic”

Brewster

O Lord, our Lord, How majestic is Your Name in all the earth

O Lord, our Lord, How majestic is Your Name in all the earth

(Chorus) **The heavens declare Your greatness**

The oceans cry out to You

The mountains they bow down before You

So I'll join with the earth and I'll give my praise to You! *(repeat all)*

I will worship You; I will worship You

We will worship You; We will worship You *(Chorus)*

So I'll join with the earth and I'll give my praise to You!

So I'll join with the earth and I'll give my praise to You!

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Invocation and Opening

We remember our Baptism and say together,

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

Rise and Shine!

Give God the glory!

Rise and shine!

Give God the praise!

Rise and shine!

Give God the worship!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Lord God,

We admit that it is sometimes hard to rise and shine and give you the glory, praise, and worship. My sin darkens my life with shame and guilt. I struggle with relationships with family, friends, coworkers, and even strangers. I witness the hardships of others and my heart gets heavy. I grieve over losses of many kinds. Jesus, as my crucified and risen Savior, please shine the light of Your forgiveness, reconciliation, comfort, and peace on me. Amen.

Jesus hears you. He shines the light of forgiveness and says to you, “Your sin is forgiven and I put it away as far as the east is from the west.” He says to you, “Where two or three are gathered to reconcile I am there to work a miracle.” He calls you, “Come to me all you who are weary and heavy of heart and I will give you rest.” He proclaims, “I am the Resurrection and the Life,

the one who believes in me will live even if he dies.” Rise and shine! Christ’s light has come upon you! Be at peace and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Song of Praise

“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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Prayer of the Day

We pray together:

**Father, thank You for loving us by sending Your Son to be our Savior. Jesus, thank
You for submitting to Your Father’s will to be our Savior. Holy Spirit, thank You for
bringing to know and believe in Jesus as our Savior. Grow us in this Baptismal faith,
Holy Trinity. Amen.**

The First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9 ESV

Many centuries prior Isaiah talks of Jesus’ mission and ministry. Jesus’ Baptism is the start of this public work to bring new life.

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. ⁵Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶“I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will

give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, ⁷ to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸ I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. ⁹ Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem

“God of Grace”

Fettke – Voices of Praise

The Second Reading

Romans 6:1-11 ESV

Through our Baptism into Christ we are given a new life for both now and eternity.

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:1-17 ESV

Jesus comes to be Baptized by John the Baptizer.

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ² “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ³ For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’” ⁴ Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹ And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰ Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹ “I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy

to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ!

Children’s Message

Sermon Song

(Prayer Request cards are gathered along the center aisle by the ushers as we sing.)

“Jesus Messiah”

Carson/Tomlin/Cash/Reeves

**He became sin, who knew no sin; that we might become His righteousness;
He humbled Himself and carried the cross. Love so amazing, love so amazing.**

Chorus: **Jesus, Messiah, Name above all names; Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.**

The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven; Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.

His body the bread, His blood the wine broken and poured out, all for love.

The whole earth trembled, and the Veil was torn. Love so amazing, Love so amazing.

(chorus)

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You; all the glory to You.

God, the light of the world. *(chorus)*

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all. The Lord of all. The Lord of all.

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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.

The Prayers of the People

(Please be seated at the conclusion of the prayers.)

Gathering of the Tithes and Offerings

(Please stand when the pastor stands and approaches the altar and sing:)

“Nobody”

Hall – Stephen Vendette (solo)

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

(Holy Communion is a special meal for the baptized followers of Jesus. Jesus is really 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 communion card to the usher as you go up for communion. Guests, please read and fill in the gold card.) (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 God’s light to all of the world:

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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“Creation Sings The Father’s Song”

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Creation sings the Father’s song; He calls the sun to wake the dawn

**And run the course of day, Till evening falls in crimson rays.
His fingerprints in flakes of snow; His breath upon this spinning globe;
He charts the eagle's flight, Commands the newborn baby's cry.**

Chorus: **Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing:
Hallelujah! Fill the earth with songs of worship,
Tell the wonders of creation's King.**

**Creation gazed upon His face; The ageless One in time's embrace,
Unveiled the Father's plan Of reconciling God and man
A second Adam walked the earth, Whose blameless life would break the curse,
Whose death would set us free To live with Him eternally. (Chorus)**

**Creation longs for His return, When Christ shall reign upon the earth;
The bitter wars that rage Are birth pains of a coming age.
When He renews the land and sky, All heav'n will sing and earth reply
With one resplendent theme: The glory of our God and King! (Chorus)**

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“Jesus Strong and Kind”

Buchanan

**Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to Him.
No one else can satisfy, I should come to Him.
Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to Him.
No one else can be my strength I should come to Him.**

(Chorus) **For the Lord is good and faithful. He will keep us day and night.
We can always run to Jesus. Jesus, strong and kind.**

**Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to Him.
No one else can be my shield. I should come to Him. (Chorus)**

**Jesus said if I am lost, He will come to me.
And he showed me on that cross, He will come to me. (Chorus twice)**

Jesus strong and kind.

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The Communion Blessing

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessing

“Shalom”

Forrest – Voices of Praise

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 Lighthouse”

Rend

**In my wrestling, and in my doubts, in my failures, You won't walk out.
Your great love will lead me through; You are the peace in my troubled sea,
Whoa oh, You are the peace in my troubled sea.**

**In the silence, You won't let go. In the questions, Your truth will hold.
Your great love will lead me through; You are the peace in my troubled sea,
Whoa oh, You are the peace in my troubled sea.**

Chorus: **My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse shining in the darkness, I will follow You!
Oh, my Lighthouse, my Lighthouse, I will trust the promise:
You will carry me safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.**

**I won't fear what tomorrow brings. With each morning, I'll rise and sing.
My God's love will lead me through; You are the peace in my troubled sea,
Whoa oh, You are the peace in my troubled sea. (*Chorus*)**

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