

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
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8:30 a.m.

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

“God Is for Us”

Farren

We won't fear the battle, we won't fear the night.

We will walk the Valley with You by our side.

You will go before us, You will lead the way.

We have found a refuge, only You can save.

(Chorus) **Sing with joy now; our God is for us.**

The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress.

Raise your voice now, no love is greater.

Who can stand against us if our God is for us?

Even when I stumble, even when I fall,

Even when I turn back, still Your love is sure.

You will not abandon, You will not forsake.

You will cheer me onward with never-ending grace. *(Chorus)*

Neither height nor depth can separate us. Hell and death will not defeat us.

He who gave His Son to free us holds me in His love. *(Repeat)*

(Chorus twice)

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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

“Humble King”

Brenton Brown

**O kneel me down again, here at Your feet;
Show me how much You love humility.
Oh, Spirit, be the star that leads me to
The humble heart of love I see in You.**

Chorus: **‘Cause You are the God of the broken, the Friend of the weak;
You wash the feet of the weary, embrace the ones in need.
I want to be like You, Jesus, to have this heart in me.
You are the God of the humble; You are the humble King.**

(Repeat from the beginning.)

You are the God of the humble; You are the humble King.

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Prayer of the Day

We pray together:

Lord Jesus, keep us always focused on You for our blessings and forgiveness. In Your name we pray, Amen.

The First Reading

Micah 6:1-8 ESV

The LORD reveals what is required of us.

Hear what the Lord says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the Lord has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³“O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the Lord.” ⁶“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

⁸ He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-31 ESV

Christ crucified unites all who believe in Him.

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. ²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12 ESV

God's grace will be ours if we put our faith in Jesus.

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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.)

“Cornerstone”

Myrin/Mote

**My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus' name.**

*Chorus: Christ alone. Cornerstone. Weak made strong in the Savior's love.
Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all.*

**When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace.
In ev'ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. *(Chorus)***

**When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone. Faultless stand before the throne. *(Chorus)***

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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:)

“Grace Greater”

Cottrell

**There is a song that calls to my soul. There is a friend that won't let me go.
Dark is the stain that I cannot hide. But I see Your arms of love open wide.
I come just as I am. I come just as I am.**

(Chorus) **Grace, grace, God's grace. Grace that will pardon and cleanse within.
Grace, grace, God's grace. Grace that is greater than all my sin.**

**There is a hill where pardon was paid. There is a king who died in my place.
Now I am alive, I am redeemed, out of the grave, forgiven and free. (Chorus)**

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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

(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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“Blessed Assurance”

Knapp

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

(Chorus) **This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight! Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Chorus)**

**Perfect submission all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love.**

(Chorus)

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“Who Am I”

Mark Hall

**Who am I that the Lord of all the earth would care to know my name
Would care to feel my hurt.**

**Who am I that the Bright and Morning Star would choose to light the way
For my ever wand’ring heart.**

**Not because of who I am, but because of what You’ve done,
Not because of what I’ve done, but because of Who You are.**

Chorus: **I am a flower quickly fading, here today and gone tomorrow,
A wave tossed in the ocean, a vapor in the wind.
Still You hear me when I’m calling.
Lord, You catch me when I’m falling, and You’ve told me who I am.
I am Yours. I am Yours.**

**Who am I that the eyes that see my sin would look on me with love
And watch me rise again.**

**Who am I that the voice that calmed the sea would call out through the rain
And calm the storm in me.**

**Not because of who I am, but because of what You’ve done,
Not because of what I’ve done, but because of Who You are. (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

“Days of Elijah”

Mark

**These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord;
And these are the days of Your servant, Moses, righteousness being restored;**

**And though these are days of great trials, of famine and darkness and sword;
Still we are the voice in the dessert crying, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord."**

Chorus: **Behold He comes, riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee,
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.**

**And these are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh;
And these are the days of Your servant, David, rebuilding a temple of praise;
And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in the world;
And we are the laborers of Your vineyard, declaring the Word of the Lord.**

(chorus twice)

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