

The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
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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

“Unstoppable God”

Brown

Heaven thundered and the world was born.

Life begins and ends in the dust You form.

Faith commanded and the mountains moved.

Fear is losing ground to our hope in You.

(Chorus) **Unstoppable God, let Your glory go on and on.**

Impossible things in Your name, they shall be done.

Freedom conquered, all our chains undone.

Sin defeated, Jesus has overcome.

Mercy triumphed when the third day dawned.

Darkness was denied when the stone was gone. *(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

“He Knows My Name”

Tommy Walker

I have a Maker. He formed my heart. Before even time began my life was in His hand.

Chorus: **He knows my name. He knows my ev’ry thought.
He sees each tear that falls and hears me when I call.**

I have a Father. He calls me His own. He’ll never leave me no matter where I go.
(chorus)

And hears me when I call.

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Prayer of the Day

We pray together:

Heavenly Father, You have reconciled us to Yourself by the work of Your Son. Create in us a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within us. Amen.

The First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 ESV

Obey God by learning from and following His Son.

“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3:1-9 ESV

We are part of God's team. Joyfully participate in His work!

But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? ⁴For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not being merely human? ⁵What then is

Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶ I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷ So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸ He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. ⁹ For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

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Thanks be to God!

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:21-37 ESV

Jesus teaches us to live a faith filled life.

“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ ²² But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³ So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵ Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. ²⁶ Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. ²⁷ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell. ³¹ “It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³² But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. ³³ “Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ ³⁴ But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶ And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷ Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.

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.)

“Almighty”

Wayne Watson

Chorus: **Almighty, most Holy God, faithful through the ages.
Almighty, most Holy Lord, glorious, almighty God.**

**The beasts of the field, the birds of the air are silent to call out Your name.
The earth has no voice, and I have no choice but to magnify God unashamed.
Let the rocks be kept silent for one more day.
Let the whole world sing out. Let the people say: (*chorus*)**

**Well, time marches on with innocence gone, and a darkness has covered the earth.
But His Spirit still dwells; He speaks, “It is well.”
And the hopeless still offered new birth.
He will break the leash of death; it will have no sting.
Let the prisoner go free. Join the dance and sing. (*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:)

“The River Is Here”

Andy Park

**Down the mountain, the river flows, and it brings refreshing wherever it goes.
Through the valleys and over the fields, the river is rushing, and the river is here.**

Chorus: **The river of God sets our feet a-dancing,
The river of God fills our hearts with cheer.
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter,
And we rejoice for the river is here.**

**The river of God is teeming with life, and all who touch it can be revived.
And all who linger on this river’s shore will come back thirsting
For more of the Lord. (*chorus*)**

**Up to the mountain we love to go, to find the presence of the Lord.
Along the banks of the river we run; we dance with laughter,
Giving praise to the Son. (*chorus*)**

**Down the mountain, the river flows, and it brings refreshing wherever it goes.
Through the valleys and over the fields, the river is rushing,
And the river is here. (*chorus*)**

Yes, we rejoice for the river is here.

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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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“In the Fields of the Lord”

Assad

**In the fields of the Lord our work is rest.
He is moving in our hands and feet to bless.
In the fields of the Lord, in the fields of the Lord,
In the fields of the Lord our work is rest.
In the vineyards of the Lord our work is light.
He is tending ev’ry leaf and ev’ry vine.
In the vineyards of the Lord, in the vineyards of the Lord,
In the vineyards of the Lord our work is light.
In the garden of the Lord our work is sound.
He is weaving ev’ry thorn into a crown.
In the garden of the Lord, in the garden of the Lord,
In the garden of the Lord our work is sound.
At the harvest of the Lord the fields are white.
He will wipe away the tears from ev’ry eye.
At the harvest of the Lord, at the harvest of the Lord,
At the harvest of the Lord the fields are white.**

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“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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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

“Soul on Fire”

Powell

(Chorus) **God, I’m running for Your heart, I’m running for Your heart**

‘til I am a soul on fire.

Lord, I’m longing for Your ways.

I’m waiting for the day when I am a soul on fire, ‘til I am a soul on fire.

(Repeat chorus)

Lord, restore the joy I had. I have wandered, bring me back.

In this darkness, lead me through until all I see is You, yeah! *(Chorus once)*

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