

The Fifth 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

“Build Your Kingdom Here”

Read Collective

Come set Your rule, and reign in our hearts again. Increase in us, we pray.

Unveil why we’re made. Come set our hearts ablaze with hope,

Like wildfire in our very souls; Holy Spirit, come, invade us now.

We are Your church; We need Your pow’r in us.

We seek Your kingdom first We hunger and we thirst;

Refuse to waste our lives for You’re our joy and prize.

To see the captives’ hearts released; The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.

We lay down our lives for heaven’s cause.

We are Your church; We pray, revive this earth.

(Chorus) **Build Your kingdom here. Let the darkness fear.**

Show Your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.

Set Your church on fire. Win this nation back. Change the atmosphere.

Build Your kingdom here, we pray!

Unleash Your kingdom’s pow’r, reaching the near and far.

No force of hell can stop Your beauty, changing hearts.

You made us for much more than this; Awake the kingdom seed in us.

Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.

We are Your church; You are the hope on earth. *(Chorus)*

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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

“I Will Offer Up My Life”

Matt Redman

**I will offer up my life in spirit and truth,
Pouring out the oil of love as my worship to You.
In surrender I must give my ev’ry part;
Lord, receive the sacrifice of a broken heart.**

Chorus: **Jesus, what can I give, what can I bring
To so faithful a friend, to so loving a King?
Savior, what can be said, what can be sung
As a praise of Your name for the things You have done?
Oh, my words could not tell, not even in part,
Of the debt of love that is owed by this thankful heart.**

**You deserve my ev’ry breath for You’ve paid the great cost;
Giving up Your life to death, even death on a cross.
You took all my shame away, there defeated my sin,
Opened up the gates of heav’n and have beckoned me in. (*chorus*)**

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Prayer of the Day

We pray together:

Lord Jesus, help us to be faithful servants by our words and actions. In Your name we pray, Amen.

The First Reading

Isaiah 58:3-9a ESV

Insincere worship leads to insincere faith.

‘Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?’ Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. ⁴Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. ⁵Is such the fast that I choose,

a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the Lord? ⁶“Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? ⁸Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. ⁹Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-12 ESV

Boldly testify Christ crucified.

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. ⁶Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”— ¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:13-20 ESV

Jesus encourages us to live by word and deed.

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. ¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. ¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until

heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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.)

“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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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:)

“Shine, Shine, Shine”

Dahn – Linda Dahn (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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“All To Us”

Tomlin/Reeves/Redman/Maher

**Precious cornerstone, sure foundation, you are faithful to the end.
We are waiting on You, Jesus. We believe You’re all to us. (Repeat)**
(Chorus) **Let the glory of Your name be the passion of the Church.
Let the righteousness of God be a holy flame that burns.
Let the saving love of Christ be the measure of our lives.
We believe You’re all to us.**

**Only Son of God, sent from heaven, hope and mercy at the cross.
You are ev’rything, You’re the promise. Jesus, You are all to us. (Chorus twice)**
**When this passing world is over, we will see You face to face,
And forever we will worship.
Jesus, You are all to us. Jesus, You are all to us.**

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“Be Unto Your Name”

DeShazo/Sadler

**We are a moment, You are forever, Lord of the ages, God before time;
We are a vapor, You are eternal, Love everlasting, reigning on high.**
Chorus: **Holy, holy Lord God Almighty. Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain;
Highest praises honor and glory be unto Your name, be unto Your name.**
**We are the broken, You are the healer, Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save;
You are the love song we’ll sing forever, bowing before You, blessing Your name.**
(chorus)
Be unto Your name, Your name.

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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

“Lord, Reign in Me”

Brenton Brown

**Over all the earth, You reign on high, ev’ry mountain stream, ev’ry sunset sky.
But my one request, Lord, my only aim, is that You reign in me again.**

Chorus: **Lord, reign in me, reign in Your power over all my dreams, in my darkest hour.
You are the Lord of all I am, so won't You reign in me again.**

**Over ev'ry thought, over ev'ry word, may my life reflect the beauty of my Lord
'Cause You mean more to me than any earthly thing, so won't You reign in me again. (*chorus
twice*)**

Won't you reign in me again. Won't you reign in me again.

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