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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

“The Spirit of the Lord”

Billy Funk

Chorus: **The Spirit of the Lord is great and mighty, the Spirit of the Lord is my victory;**

The Spirit of the Lord is great and mighty, great and mighty in me.

(repeat)

Greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world;

I am more than a conqueror by the power of His Word, of His Word. *(chorus)*

In the name of Jesus I can do anything; by the power of His Spirit,

Through the One who strengthens me, strengthens me. *(chorus)*

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Invocation

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

Amen.

Confession

Lord, as we come together today, we admit we have not always shared the good news of Your Son. Your work on earth has been accomplished through Jesus. But we haven't always told that good news to people around us. We have been afraid of what they might say about us. We have failed to declare Your wondrous works that we see each day. We are blind in our sin. Bless us with Your Spirit, that we might speak Your word as Your children and heirs. In Jesus Name. Amen.

Forgiveness of Sins

Song of Praise

“Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer”

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Jesus, draw me ever nearer as I labor through the storm.

You have called me to this passage and I'll follow though I'm worn.

May this journey bring a blessing, may I rise on wings of faith;

And at the end of my heart's testing, with Your likeness let me wake.

Jesus guide me through the tempest, keep my spirit staid and sure.

When the midnight meets the morning, let me love You even more.

May this journey bring a blessing, may I rise on wings of faith;

And at the end of my heart's testing, with Your likeness let me wake.

Let the treasures of the trial form within me as I go.

And at the end of this long passage, let me leave them at Your throne.

May this journey bring a blessing, may I rise on wings of faith;

And at the end of my heart's testing, with Your likeness let me wake.

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Prayer of the Day

O God, on the Day of Pentecost You taught Your faithful by sending the Holy Spirit. Today, grant us the same right understanding through that same Spirit. In Jesus' name, Amen.

The First Reading

Numbers 11:24-30 ESV

24 So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. 25 Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it. 26 Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. 27 And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." 28 And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." 29 But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!" 30 And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The Second Reading

Acts 2:1-21 ESV

2 When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. 5 Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. 6 And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. 7 And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? 9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, 11 both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." 12 And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 13 But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine." 14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. 15 For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. 16 But this is what was uttered

through the prophet Joel: 17 “ ‘And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; 18 even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. 19 And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; 20 the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. 21 And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

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Thanks be to God!

The Gospel Reading

John 7:37-39 ESV

37 On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” 39 Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ!

Children’s Message

Sermon Song of Praise

“Holy Spirit”

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Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.

Let the presence of the risen Lord come renew my heart and make me whole.

Cause Your word to come alive in me; Give me faith for what I cannot see,

Give me passion for Your purity; Holy Spirit breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide with in, may Your joy be seen in all I do.

Love enough to cover eve’ry sin, in each thought and deed and attitude.

Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace.

Turn my strivings into works of grace; Breath of God show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation’s birth, giving life to all that God has made,

Show Your power once again on earth, cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.

Let the fragrance of our pray’rs arise; Lead us on the road of sacrifice,

That in unity the face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

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Message

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Gathering of the Tithes and Offerings

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

“Consuming Fire”

Tim Hughes

**There must be more than this; O breath of God come breathe within.
There must be more than this; Spirit of God we wait for You.
Fill us anew, we pray; fill us anew we pray.**

Chorus: **Consuming Fire, fan into flame a passion for Your Name.
Spirit of God, fall in this place.
Lord, have Your way, Lord, have Your way with us.**

**Come like a rushing wind, clothe us in power from on high.
Now set the captives free; leave us abandoned to Your praise.
Lord, let Your glory fall. Lord, let Your glory fall. (*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 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 pour Your Holy Spirit on us:
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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“Who You Say I Am”

Fielding

**Who am I that the highest King would welcome me.
I was lost but He brought me in. Oh, His love for me. Oh, His love for me.
Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed. I’m a child of God, yes, I am.
Free at last He has ransomed me. His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me Yes, He died for me.
(Chorus) Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed. I’m a child of God, yes I am.
In my Father’s house there’s a place for me. I’m a child of God, yes I am.
(Bridge) I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who You say I am.
You are for me, not against me. I am who You say I am. (Repeat Bridge)
I am who You say I am. (Chorus)**

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“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Hatch/Jackson

**Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew
That I may love all that You love and do what You would do.
Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
Until with You I will one will, to do and to endure.
Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die
But live with You the perfect life of Your eternity.**

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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

“Oh How Good It Is”

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**Oh how good it is when the fam'ly of God
Dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity;
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love
Are the fruit of His presence here among us.**

(Chorus) **So, with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,
And with one heart we'll live out His word;
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come,
For He dwells in the presence of His people.**

**Oh how good it is on this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy, and weep with those who mourn;
For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace,
When we offer the blessing of belonging. *(chorus)***

**Oh how good it is to embrace His command
To prefer one another, forgive as He forgives;
When we live as one we all share in the love
Of the Son, with the Father, and the Spirit. *(Chorus)***

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