

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, 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.*

Pre-Service Music

“Father, We Worship You”

Johnson – Voices of Praise

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

“Build Your Kingdom Here”

Render 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

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

Amen.

Confession

We confess to the Lord:

Lord, sometimes it is very hard for us to forgive people. Our hurt is so deep that we

are embittered towards our own brothers and sisters. Even when we utter the words,

“I forgive you” those words feel empty. Yet You forgive us and call us to be Your

own. You declare us to be Your sons and daughters. Grant us the faith to forgive

others as we have been forgiven. Forgive our failures and set our faces in the direction

You want us to go. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Forgiveness of Sins

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 of the Church, You have given us Your authority to forgive sin privately. Fill us with joy in carrying out Your work among our neighbors. Grant us full hearts to say the words, “I forgive you”. As your angels in heaven celebrate when sinners repent, let our voices praise Your name in forgiveness. By the power of the Holy Spirit help us to do Your will. In Jesus' name. Amen.

The First Reading

Hosea 3:1-5 ESV

And the Lord said to me, “Go again, love a woman who is loved by another man and is an adulteress, even as the Lord loves the children of Israel, though they turn to other gods and love cakes of raisins. So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and a homer and a lethech of barley. And I said to her, “You must dwell as mine for many days. You shall not play the whore, or belong to another man; so will I also be to you.” For the children of Israel shall dwell many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or pillar, without ephod or household gods. Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the Lord their God, and David their king, and they shall come in fear to the Lord and to his goodness in the latter days.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The Second Reading

Ephesians 4:17-32 ESV

Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God

because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. But that is not the way you learned Christ!— assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

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The Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:5-15 ESV

“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. “And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ!

Children’s Message

Sermon Song of Praise

“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

“Forgiveness”

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

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering of the Tithes and Offerings

(Please stand when the offerings are brought forward.)

“I Then Shall Live”

Larson – Voices of Praise

The Offering 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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“Lead Me Lord”

Bock/Pursell – Voices of Praise

“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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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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