

Ascension Sunday
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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

“The Water Is Wide”

Moklebust – Redeemer Handbells

Welcome and Announcements

Recognition of High School Graduates

Call to Worship

“God So Loved”

Cash

**Come all you weary, come all you thirsty. Come to the well that never runs dry.
Drink of the water, come and thirst no more.**

**Come all you sinners, come find His mercy. Come to the table; He will satisfy.
Taste of His goodness, find what you’re looking for.**

(Chorus) **For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.**

**Bring all your failures, bring your addictions.
Come lay them down and the foot of the cross.
Jesus is waiting there with open arms. *(Chorus)***

**The pow’r of hell forever defeated. Now it is well, I’m walking in freedom.
For God so loved, God so loved the world.**

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Invocation, Confession and Forgiveness

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

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God, have mercy on us. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by Your Spirit so that we may live and serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Song of Praise

“Sanctuary”

Thompson/Scruggs

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for You.**

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us, so that we can be bold witnesses for You, and empower us so that we can share and spread your Gospel. Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

The First Reading

Acts 1:1-11 ESV

1 In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, 2 until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3 He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. 4 And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” 6 So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” 7 He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” 9 And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, 11 and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23 ESV

15 For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, 18 having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might 20 that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. 22 And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The Gospel Reading

Luke 24:44-53 ESV

44 Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46 and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47 and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” 50 And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. 51 While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. 52 And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, 53 and were continually in the temple blessing God.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ!

Children’s Message

Sermon Song of Praise

“You Are My All in All”

Jernigan

You are my strength when I am weak; You are the Treasure that I seek.

You are my All in All.

Seeking You as a precious jewel, Lord, to give up I’d be a fool.

You are my all in all.

Chorus: **Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name;**

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, rising again I bless Your name.

You are my All in All.

When I fall down, You pick me up; when I am dry, You fill my cup.

You are my All in All! (*chorus*)

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Message

“What Goes Up Will Come Down”

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.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering of the Tithes and Offerings

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

“When the Saints Go Marching In”

Moklebust – Redeemer Handbells

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 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 broke the bonds of sin and of death:

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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“Hear Our Praises”

Reuben Morgan

May our homes be filled with dancing. May our streets be filled with joy.

May injustice bow to Jesus as the people turn to pray.

Chorus: **From the mountain to the valley, hear our praises rise to You;
From the heavens to the nations, hear our singing fill the air.**

May a light shine in the darkness, as we walk before the cross.

May Your glory fill the whole earth, as the water o'er the seas. (*chorus twice*)

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! (*Repeat line.*) (*chorus*)

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“Ancient Words”

DeShazo

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world;

They resound with God's own heart, O, let the ancient words impart;

Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope;

In this world where e'er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.

(*Chorus*) **Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you;**

We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age,

Came to us through sacrifice; O, heed the faithful words of Christ. (*Chorus twice*)

Martyrs blood stains each page, they have died for this faith;

Hear them cry through the years;

heed these words and hold them dear. (*Chorus twice*)

We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.

O let the ancient words impart.

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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!

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Closing Song of Praise

“There Is Joy in the Lord”

Cheri Keaggy

There is joy in the Lord, There is Love in His Spirit,

There is hope in the knowledge of Him.

There's a fountain that flows like a river from heaven,

Abounding in love to my soul.

Chorus: All blessing and honor are His. All glory and power are His.
Let all wisdom and strength be the Lord's in this place.
Let all glory be given to Him.

**There is joy in the Lord, There is Love in His Spirit,
There is hope in the knowledge of Him.**

**There's a fountain I know, ev'ry time I am near it,
My heart overflows to the Lord. (*chorus*)**

**There is joy in the Lord, There is Love in His Spirit,
There is hope in the knowledge of Him.**

**There's a fountain that flows like a river from heaven,
Abounding in love to my soul. There is joy in the Lord.**

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