

REDEEMING GRACE

Lutheran Church



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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Thank you for worshiping with us today. We would love to invite you back, so please sign our guest register outside the main doors of the sanctuary. Children are most welcome to stay during our service, but if you need a quiet place, make yourself at home in the gathering space outside the sanctuary.

WORSHIP AND HOLY COMMUNION

Lutheran Worship focuses on God's service to His people. Today our Triune God visits us each personally through His holy Word to give us forgiveness, life, and salvation. Holy Communion or the Lord's Supper is a sacred meal where Jesus comes to us personally in, with, and under the bread and wine. Because this meal is such a sacred and intimate expression of our faith, we ask that only our members take communion. If you have questions, please ask our pastor about the practice of closed communion.

SERVING TODAY | *Our special thanks for your service*

Organist	Jonnica Mayer
Ushers	Dave Blythe, Ken Camp, Korey Klatt, Ron Menough
Altar Guild	Cheryl Frederick
F.A.S.T.	Delta <i>Epsilon next week</i>

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP | *See pages 10-11, and 156 in the Hymnal*

SERVICE OF PREPARATION



*We prepare for worship by returning to our Baptism.
"And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized
and wash your sins away, calling on His name." Acts 4:22*

GATHERING VERSE | *read together*

In Jesus, we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. Ephesians 1:7

OPENING HYMN

Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear | **282**

**1. Lord, open now my heart to hear,
And through your Word to me draw near.
Let me your Word e'er pure retain;
Let me your child and heir remain.**

**2. Your Word inspires my heart within;
Your Word grants healing from my sin.
Your Word has pow'r to guide and bless;
Your Word brings peace and happiness.**

**3. To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Shall glory, praise and honor be
Now and throughout eternity.**

THE COMMON SERVICE | *please stand*

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P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *Amen.*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

PRAYER AND PRAISE

All Glory Be to God on High | 263

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

***All glory be to God on high, Who has our race befriended!
To us no harm shall now come nigh; The strife at last is ended.
The Father's love, the Savior's birth, Bring peace, good will to all the
earth; Oh, thank him for his goodness!***

P: The Lord be with you.

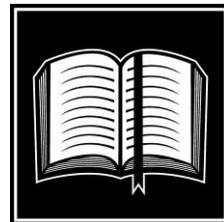
C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: O God, you rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *Amen.*

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Through the reading and preaching of His holy Word, Jesus calls out, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28.



OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Kings 22:10-18, 26-28

Dressed in their royal robes, the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah were sitting on their thrones at the threshing floor by the entrance of the gate of Samaria, with all the prophets prophesying before them. ¹¹Now Zedekiah son of Kenaanah had made iron horns and he declared, "This is what the LORD says: 'With these you will gore the Arameans until they are destroyed.' " ¹²All the other prophets were prophesying the same thing. "Attack Ramoth Gilead and be victorious," they said, "for the LORD will give it into the king's hand." ¹³The messenger who had gone to summon Micaiah said to him, "Look, as one man the other prophets are predicting success for the king. Let your word agree with theirs, and speak favorably." ¹⁴But Micaiah said, "As surely as the LORD lives, I can tell him only what the LORD tells me." ¹⁵When he arrived, the king asked him, "Micaiah, shall we go to war against Ramoth Gilead, or shall I refrain?" "Attack and be victorious," he answered, "for the LORD will give it into the king's hand." ¹⁶The king said to him, "How many times must I make you swear to tell me nothing

but the truth in the name of the LORD?” ¹⁷Then Micaiah answered, “I saw all Israel scattered on the hills like sheep without a shepherd, and the LORD said, ‘These people have no master. Let each one go home in peace.’ ” ¹⁸The king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, “Didn’t I tell you that he never prophesies anything good about me, but only bad?”... ²⁶The king of Israel then ordered, “Take Micaiah and send him back to Amon the ruler of the city and to Joash the king’s son ²⁷and say, ‘This is what the king says: Put this fellow in prison and give him nothing but bread and water until I return safely.’ ” ²⁸Micaiah declared, “If you ever return safely, the LORD has not spoken through me.” Then he added, “Mark my words, all you people!”

VERSE OF THE DAY | *read together*

Psalm 119:105

C: Alleluia. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

P: As is the custom of the Church, please stand for the Gospel. The Holy Gospel for the second Sunday after Pentecost is found in the seventh chapter of Matthew beginning at the fifteenth verse.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 7:15-29

“Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. ¹⁶By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. ¹⁹Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them. ²¹“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of

heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²²Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' ²³Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!' ²⁴"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash." ²⁸When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, ²⁹because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

C: *Praise be to you, O Christ!*

NICENE CREED

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate...

He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | *Children gather at the baptismal font*

HYMN OF THE DAY

We Have a Sure Prophetic Word | 291

- 1. We have a sure prophetic Word By inspiration of the Lord,
And, though assailed on ev'ry hand, Jehovah's Word shall ever stand.***
- 2. By pow'rs of empire banned and burned, By pagan pride rejected, spurned,
The Word still stands, the Christian's trust, While haughty empires lie in dust.***
- 3. Whate'er the Word in times of old Of future days and deeds foretold
Is all fulfilled while ages roll, As traced on the prophetic scroll.***
- 4. Abiding, steadfast, firm, and sure, The teachings of the Word endure.
Blest all who trust this steadfast Word; Their anchor holds in Christ, the Lord.***

SERMON | *Who is Carrying You Along?*

2 Peter 1:20-2:3

Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. ²¹For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. ¹But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves. ²Many will follow their shameful ways and will bring the way of truth into disrepute. ³In their greed these teachers will exploit you with stories they have made up. Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping.

RESPONSE | *please stand*

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Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.

OFFERING

We bring our offerings to God out of gratitude for all the blessings He has given us. Offerings may be left in the plate at the back of church or may be given online at rglc.org.



SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Heaven and earth unite in this sacred meal for the forgiveness of sins. "Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him." Psalm 34:8

THE LORD'S PRAYER AND PREFACE | *please stand* pg. 20-23

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *And also with you.*

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: *It is good and right so to do.*

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts: heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Pastor speaks the words of institution

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: ***Amen.***

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Those who desire to receive the Lord's Supper or a blessing from the Pastor may remain standing.

THANKSGIVING AND BLESSING | *please stand*

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Lord, now You let your servant depart in peace according to Your word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel.

P: O Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

C: ***And His mercy endures forever.***

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in

the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *Amen.*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + Give you peace.

C: *Amen. Amen. Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage | 293

*God's Word is our great heritage And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way; In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure, We keep its teachings pure
Throughout all generations.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ON MY HEART TIME | *weekly home devotion guide*

Weekly Review	Catechism	The Fifth Petition
Bible Readings	Old Testament	Exodus 3:1-15
	Epistle	1 Timothy 1:12-17
	Gospel	Matthew 9:35-10:8
Prayer and Praise	Hymn	Chief of Sinners Though I Be
	Psalm	Psalm 119c

GROWING IN GRACE | *weekly schedule*



Monday	1-5 p.m.	Pastor's office hours
Tuesday	1-5 p.m.	Pastor's office hours
Wednesday	1-5 p.m.	Pastor's office hours
	7:00 p.m.	Midweek Service
Thursday	1-5 p.m.	Pastor's office hours
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Church Weeding

If office hours don't work, contact Pastor Mayer to make an appointment.

VISIT WITH PASTOR

This summer, Pastor Mayer would like to meet with each of our families. The purpose of these visits is three-fold: To ensure that as a congregation, Redeeming Grace is meeting your family's unique spiritual needs, to ensure that our mission and ministry is still on target, and to encourage each member's individual walk with the Lord. Please sign up for a time window on the sheet at the back of church or notify Pastor by email of a time that will work for you. Please plan on 45 - 60 minutes for your visit. We hope and pray that these visits will be of great benefit for both your family and Redeeming Grace as we continue our mission together for the Lord's Kingdom.

EVENING BIBLE STUDIES

Men's Bible Study will be on the third Thursday of each month, and Women's Bible Study will be on the fourth Friday of each month. Both studies will be held at Pastor's house (13654 Twilight Trail, Rogers), and begin at 7:00 p.m. Participants are welcome to bring a beverage or snacks to share.

CHURCH WEEDING

Keeping our outside looking nice lets our community know what they can expect on the inside! So, on Saturday, June 27th at 9:00 a.m. we'll gather to help make sure our church property reflects the same care and devotion that exists within our walls.