

REDEEMING GRACE

Lutheran Church



Seeking God's Wealth

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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.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

Lutheran Worship focuses on God's service to His people. Today our Triune God visits each of us personally through His holy Word and Sacraments to give us forgiveness, life, and salvation! "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28.

SERVING TODAY | *Our special thanks for your service*

Organist	Cindy Steinke
Ushers	Ben Adickes, Easton Whitcomb, Nate Whitcomb
F.A.S.T.	Epsilon <i>Zeta next week</i>

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

PREPARATION

Jesus Christ gave His church the keys when He said, "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." John 20:23



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

All Depends on Our Possessing | 421

***1. All depends on our possessing God's abundant grace and blessing,
Though all earthly wealth depart. They who trust with faith unshaken
In their God are not forsaken And e'er keep a dauntless heart.***

***3. Many spend their lives in fretting Over trifles and in getting
Things that have no solid ground. I shall strive to win a treasure
That will bring me lasting pleasure And that now is seldom found.***

SERVICE OF THE WORD | *please stand*

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P: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all of your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: Amen

PRAYER AND PRAISE

All Praise to God Who Reigns Above | 236

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

***1. All praise to God who reigns above, The God of all creation,
The God of wonders, pow'r, and love, The God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul he fills, The God who ev'ry sorrow stills-
To God all praise and glory!***

***2. I cried to him in time of need; Lord God, oh, hear my calling!
For death he gave me life indeed And kept my feet from falling.
For this my thanks shall endless be; Oh, thank him, thank our God with me-
To God all praise and glory!***

P: Let us pray: O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD



God speaks to us through His Holy Word. "The Lord kills and makes alive; He brings down to the grave and raises up." 1 Samuel 2:6

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Timothy 6:17-21

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. ²⁰Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, ²¹which some have professed and in so doing have wandered from the faith. Grace be with you.

VERSE OF THE DAY | *sung together*

John 20:31

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

P: As is the custom of the Church, please stand for the Gospel. The Holy Gospel for the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost is found in the thirteenth chapter of Matthew beginning at the forty-fourth verse.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 13:44-52

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. ⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. ⁴⁷“Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. ⁴⁸When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. ⁴⁹This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹“Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked. “Yes,” they replied. ⁵²He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has been instructed about the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

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

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

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus, Priceless Treasure | **349**

***1. Jesus, priceless treasure, Fount of purest pleasure,
Truest friend to me. Ah, how long in anguish
Shall my spirit languish, Yearning, Lord, for thee?
Thou art mine, O Lamb divine! I will suffer naught to hide thee
Naught I ask beside thee.***

***2. In thine arms I rest me; Foes who would molest me
Cannot reach me here. Though the earth be shaking,
Ev'ry heart be quaking, Jesus calms my fear.
Lightnings flash And thunders crash; yet, tho' sin and hell assail me,
Jesus will not fail me.***

***4. Hence, all earthly treasure! Jesus is my pleasure;
Jesus is my choice. Hence, all empty glory!
Naught to me thy story Told with tempting voice.
Pain or loss Or shame or cross Shall not from my Savior move me
Since he deigns to love me.***

SERMON | Lord, Give us Discernment

1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you." ⁶Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day. ⁷"Now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. ⁸Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. ⁹So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?" ¹⁰The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. ¹¹So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, ¹²I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

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.

P: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

C: We praise you for every grace and blessing.

P: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

C: Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

P: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.

C: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.

P: Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

C: Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.

P: Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

C: Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.

P: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

C: Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

Special intercessions

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent Prayers

P: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

C: Amen.

P: Together we join in the prayer You taught us to pray:

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.

HYMN

What Is the World to Me | 477

***1. What is the world to me With all its vaunted pleasure
When you, and you alone, Lord Jesus, are my treasure!
You only, dearest Lord, My soul's delight shall be;
You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!***

***3. The world seeks after wealth And all that money offers,
Yet never is content Though gold should fill its coffers.
I have a higher good; Content with it I'll be;
My Jesus is my wealth- What is the world to me!***

***4. What is the world to me! My Jesus is my treasure,
My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my pleasure,
My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss eternally.
Once more then I declare: What is the world to me!***

PRAYER & BLESSING | please stand

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P: Almighty God, we thank You for teaching us the things You would have us believe and do. Help us by Your Holy Spirit to keep Your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus

Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *Amen.*

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.*

PARTING VERSE Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow | **334**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ON MY HEART TIME | *weekly home devotion guide*

Weekly Review	Catechism	The Table of Duties: Employers/Employees
Bible Readings	Old Testament	Genesis 41:41-49
	Epistle	1 Timothy 4:4-5
	Gospel	Matthew 14:31-21
Prayer and Praise	Hymn	Our Father, Who from Heaven Above
	Psalm	Psalm 42-43

GROWING IN GRACE | *weekly schedule*



Monday	1-5 p.m.	Pastor office hours
Tuesday	1-5 p.m.	Pastor office hours
Wednesday	1-5 p.m.	Pastor office hours
	7:00 p.m.	Midweek Service
Thursday	1-5 p.m.	Pastor office hours

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