



Following.



The harvest has come.

Redeemer Lutheran Church

Fond du Lac, WI

June 20 & 21, 2021 | Worship Series 3 of 6

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL ---

WELCOME! Thank you for joining us for worship today. At Redeemer we believe that the gospel message, the good news that Jesus has won for us forgiveness and eternal life, is more than just words. It's the power God uses to create and strengthen faith in our hearts. Our worship focuses on the proclamation of this life-saving message as we respond with our prayers, praise, and thanksgiving. May you be richly blessed as we worship together!

PARENT'S ROOM If you have a young child or nursing infant and you find yourself in need of stepping out for a moment, a parents' room is located in the rear of the sanctuary.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY SHEETS are available to keep little hands busy during worship. They are located on the table in the gathering area.

RESTROOMS are located in the gathering area. A family restroom is immediately to your right as you exit through the double doors in the rear of the sanctuary. The other restrooms are to your left.

ANNOUNCEMENTS can be found in your church bulletin box or in the literature rack on the rear wall of the sanctuary.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask one of the ushers in the rear of the sanctuary. If you would like more information about Redeemer, please feel free to speak with one of our pastors or any one of the members after the service. You may also contact us anytime using the information below.

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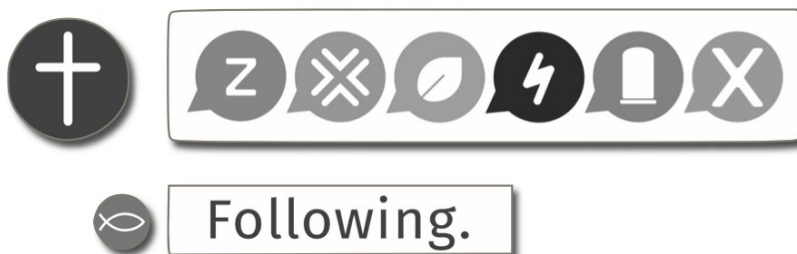
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WORSHIP SERIES: FOLLOWING

THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

During the first half of the church year, we let the great events in the life of Christ guide our worship from Sunday to Sunday. During the second half of the church year, the Sundays following Pentecost, the emphasis for each Sunday shifts from the events in the life of Christ to his teachings and how he works through his powerful Word to strengthen and grow our faith and produce abundant fruit in our lives.



WORSHIP SERIES

Social media platforms like Facebook and Twitter are engrained into the daily lives of millions of people. Quite often social media users will dedicate a good deal of time and attention to *following* and discussing the topics and people that interest them. Whether you're a social media user or not, you are a follower of Christ. As Christians we closely follow what Jesus says and does, engaging in discussion about him and growing in faith through his Word. Over the next six weeks, our worship will enrich our understanding of how we follow Jesus.

FOLLOWERS OF JESUS...

Enjoy Sabbath Rest.....June 6th

Take God's Word Seriously.....June 13th

Grow in God's WordJune 20th

Look to Jesus in the StormsJune 27th

Are Comforted in Death.....July 4th

Are Faithful in Spite of Rejection.....July 11th

OPENING HYMN

Good News of God Above | 568:1-3



1 Good news of God a - bove Is ours to
2 The love of Christ pro - claim Who left his
3 The Lord of Glo - ry lives! From cross and



tell a - broad, The Fa - ther's ev - er -
home on high; To live our hu - man
death and grave His own a - bun - dant



last - ing love In Christ the ris - en Lord.
life he came, Our hu - man death to die.
life he gives To those he died to save.



For neigh - bors near and far The seed of
The Fa - ther's on - ly Son Be - came the
His right - eous - ness and peace De - clare from



life is sown; Then spread the seed By
sin - ners' friend, Our lot to share, Our
sea to sea; His prais - es sound The



word and deed To make the Sav - ior known.
sin to bear, And death's do - min - ion end.
world a - round For Christ has made us free.

INVOCATION

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

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: 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.**

M: 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**

SONG OF PRAISE

Good News of God Above | 568:4

**Hear now the Master's word To those who bear his name:
"So send I you; till all have heard, Make known, declare, proclaim!"
Go forth in all the earth; Embrace the path he trod
With Christ beside As friend and guide
To bring good news of God.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: O God, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**



The Word

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 17:22-24

²² “This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³ On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it; it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it; they will find shelter in the shade of its branches. ²⁴ All the trees of the forest will know that I the LORD bring down the tall tree and make the low tree grow tall. I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.

“I the LORD have spoken, and I will do it.”

PSALM 92

M: How great are your works, O Lord,

C: how profound your thoughts!

M: The senseless man does not know,

C: fools do not understand,

M: that though the wicked spring up like grass

C: and all evildoers flourish,

M: they will be forever destroyed.

C: But you, O Lord, are exalted forever.

M: The righteous will flourish like a palm tree,

C: they will flourish in the courts of our God.

M: They will still bear fruit in old age,

C: they will stay fresh and green,

M: proclaiming, “The Lord is upright;

C: he is my rock, and there is no wickedness in him.”

SECOND LESSON

Colossians 1:3-8

³ We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you,
⁴ because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people—⁵ the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. ⁷ You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸ and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, You Thankful People, Come | 613:2-4



2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to His praise to yield;
3 For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His har - vest home,
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To Thy fi - nal har - vest home;



Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy or sor - row grown.
From His field shall in that day All of - fens - es purge a - way,
Gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in, Free from sor - row, free from sin,



First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear.
Give His an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
There, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In Thy gar - ner to a - bide:



Lord of har - vest, grant that we Whole - some grain and pure may be.
But the fruit - ful ears to store In His gar - ner ev - er - more.
Come with all Thine an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

SERMON

Mark 4:26-34

²⁶ He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground.

²⁷ Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸ All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. ²⁹ As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."

³⁰ Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth.

³² Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade."

³³ With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. ³⁴ He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

M: The Gospel of the Lord

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

A Little Story about Something Little

NICENE CREED

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 worshipped 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.

THE OFFERING IS BROUGHT FORWARD (indoor services)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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.**



The Lord's Supper

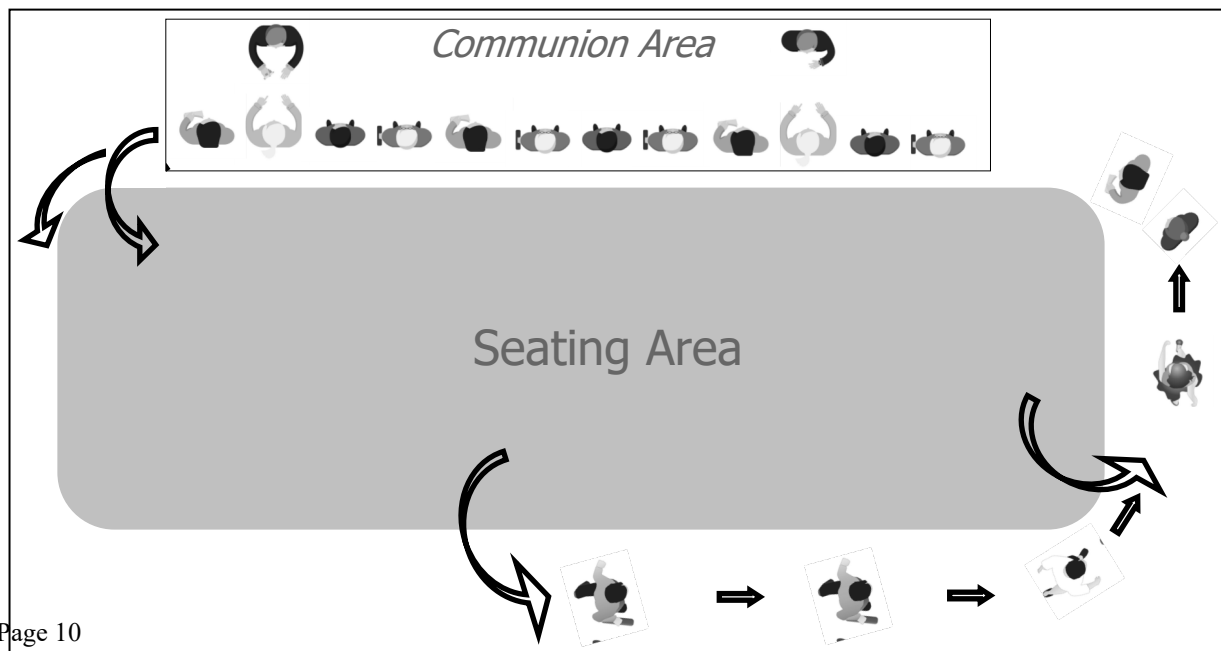
Prepared for Communion

In the Bible, God gives us instructions for communion. He says, "Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink of the cup" and that, if you don't fully understand what communion is, you could bring spiritual harm upon yourself (1 Corinthians 11:28,29). Those who receive communion today confess they hold of the following convictions:

- I repent of all my sins, holding nothing back from God (1 John 1:9).
- I believe that Jesus took away my sins thru his death on the cross (1 John 3:5).
- I believe that in Communion I receive Jesus' true body and blood along with the bread and the wine (Matthew 26:26-27, 1 Corinthians 10:16).
- I agree with all the teachings of this church family, as I have learned to know them through their Instruction Classes.

If you have any questions, or are interested in taking our Bible Instruction Class, please speak with pastor after worship.

Outdoor Distribution



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD | *Agnus Dei*

O Christ, Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN—8 AM SERVICE

Take and Eat | 741

Refrain

Take and eat, take and eat, this is my bod - y
giv-en up for you. Take and drink, take and drink,
this is my blood giv - en up for you. *Last time*

Verses

1 I am the Word that spoke and light was made;
2 I am the way that leads the ex - ile home;
3 I am the Lamb that takes a - way your sin;
4 I am the cor - ner - stone that God has laid,
5 I am the Light that came in - to the world;
6 I am the First and Last, the liv - ing One;
I am the seed that died to be re - born;
I am the truth that sets the cap - tive free;
I am the gate that guards you night and day.
A chos-en stone and pre-cious in his eyes.
I am the Light that dark-ness can - not hide;
I am the Lord who died that you might live;
I am the bread that comes from heav'n a - bove;
I am the life that rais - es up the dead;
You are my flock: you know the Shep-herd's voice;
You are God's dwell-ing place; on me you rest
I am the Morn - ing Star that nev - er sets.
I am the Bride-groom, this my wed-ding song.



I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.
 I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.
 You are my own: your ran - som is my blood.
 Like liv - ing stones, a tem - ple for God's praise.
 Lift up your face; in you my light will shine.
 You are my bride; come to the mar - riage feast.

THANKSGIVING

M: O Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures forever.

M: 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.

BLESSING

m: The Lord bless 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. (spoken)

God's Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for-
ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our
chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way; In death it
is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its
teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line.



*WE EXIST TO GLORIFY GOD AS
WE GATHER, GROW, AND GO*
