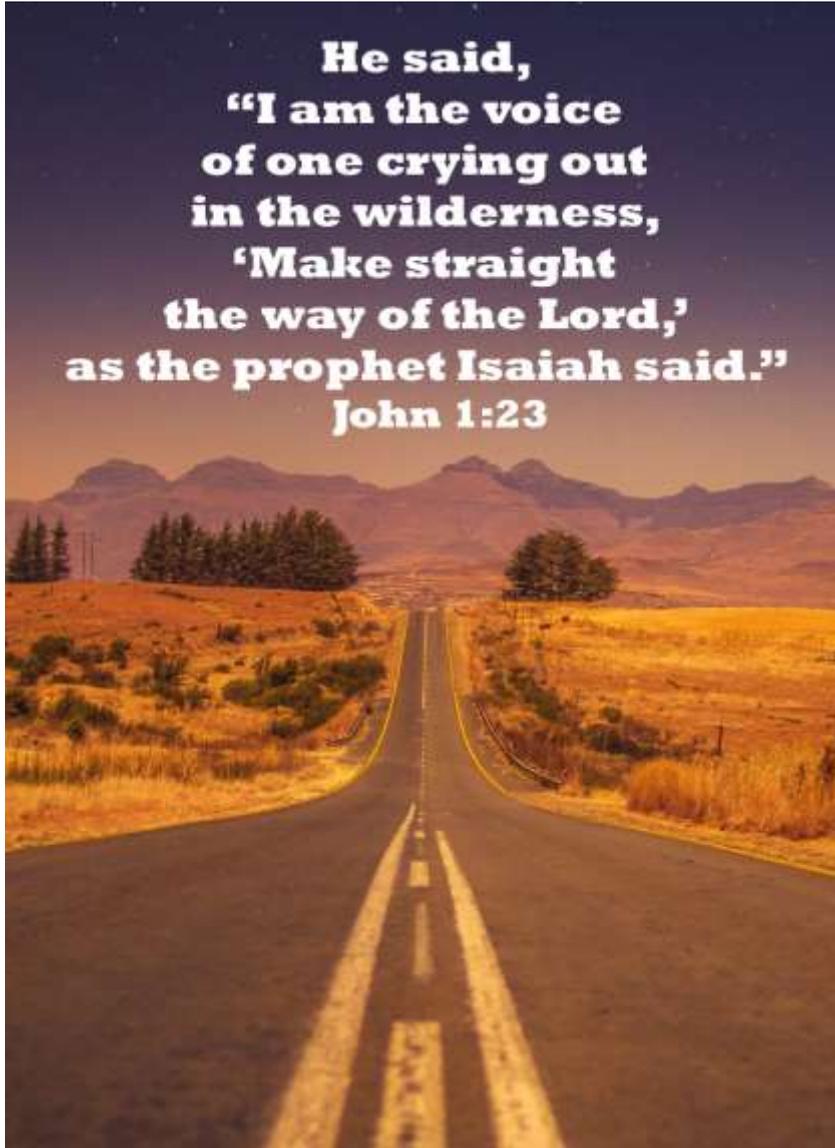


OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, August 23, 2020

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“I am the voice
of one crying out
in the wilderness,
‘Make straight
the way of the Lord,’
as the prophet Isaiah said.”
John 1:23**



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OUR MISSION

“The Our Redeemer church family exists to **welcome** people to faith;
help people **grow** in the faith that works in real life;
and **serve** our community and the world together in **Jesus’** name.”

GUESTS AND MEMBERS – WELCOME TO OUR REDEEMER

We’re happy that you’ve joined us in worship, especially if you are a visitor with us.
We pray that the Lord who led you here would lead you into a time of knowing Him better,
trusting in Him more, and growing deeper in His love as He places His Word
and cross before your eyes, ears, and hearts.

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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME

OPENING SONG “Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake” *LSB 688 v. 1-2*



1 “Come, fol - low Me,” the Sav - ior spake, “All in My
2 “I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly
way a - bid - ing; De - ny your-selves, the world for-sake,
life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;
O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -
I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and
e’er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.
well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.

INVOCATION

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

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION

Based on Psalm 138

P: I give You thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;

C: **I bow down toward Your holy temple.**

P: For though the Lord is high, He regards the lowly,

C: **But the haughty He knows from afar.**

P: Forgive us our thanklessness and when we choose our ways instead of Yours.

C: **Humbly we ask forgiveness for these and all our other sins of thought, word, and deed.**

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination

ABSOLUTION

P: Hear the Good News from Psalm 138. God cares for His children. You are the work of His hands. His hand protects you and brings His plans for you to completion ultimately through the nail-scarred hands of His Son. Through baptism, you now share in His victory. In His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

GOSPEL READING

John 1:19-29

And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”

(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

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.

And 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.

SERMON

“Behold!”
John 1:19-29

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

CLOSING BLESSING

Based on Psalm 138 and Numbers 6:24-26

P: I give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness,
C: **For You have exalted above all things Your name and Your word.**

P: The Lord will fulfill His purpose for me;
C: **Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
C: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

LSB 528 v. 1, 6

1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My
6 See all your sins on Je - sus laid; The
great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my
Lamb of God was slain. His soul was once an
God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!
of - f'ring made For ev - 'ry soul of man.

Weekly Worship Preparation Thoughts

For preparation for next week: Read Matthew 16:21-28

-What do you think led Peter to respond the way he did?

-In what ways are Jesus' words in verse 25 the opposite of how the world would have us live?

Serving Us Today

Guest Pastor - Rev. Joshua Theilen

Director of Youth and Family Ministry - Arlyn Meyer

Organist - Trudy Rowold

Elders	8:00 am	Danny Kiedaisch (212-0504)
	10:30 am	Mike Mounce (530-0940)
Ushers	8:00 am	Ron Lund (Lead) and Mike Hathaway
	10:30 am	Steve Sewell (Lead) and Pam Fuller

Altar Flowers

*The flowers on the altar are sponsored by John and Tami Ohlendorf
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and Tami's sister, Candy Nudo.*