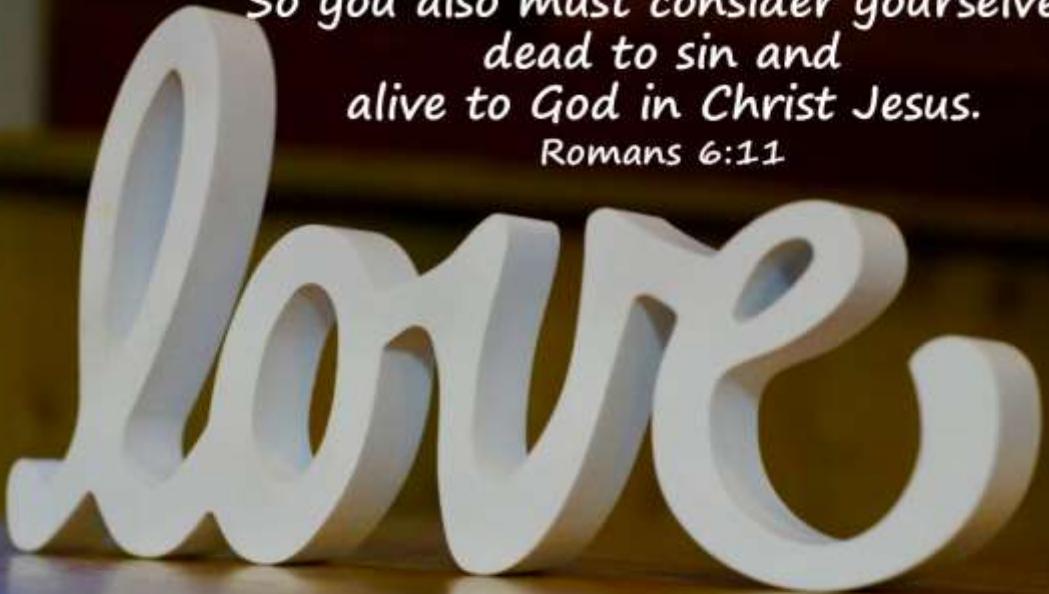


OUR REDEEMER
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, January 10, 2021

*So you also must consider yourselves
dead to sin and
alive to God in Christ Jesus.*

Romans 6:11

A photograph of the word "love" written in large, white, three-dimensional cursive letters. The letters are standing upright on a dark wooden surface. The background is dark and out of focus.

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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.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & LISTENING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE

Please see an usher for assistance with these items.

COVID-19 Reminder

As ministry opportunities sponsored by Our Redeemer continue to resume onsite and elsewhere, the leadership of our congregation recognizes the new challenges that exist when gathering together. Below is a reminder to consider before participating in any worship service or activity:

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people. We are doing everything we can to be compliant with all regulations and ensure your safety. We have put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19, but we cannot guarantee that you or family members will not become infected with COVID-19.

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

WELCOME

OPENING SONG “All Christians Who Have Been Baptized” *LSB 596 v. 1, 3*



1 All Chris-tians who have been bap-tized, Who know the God of
3 But all of that was washed a-way— Im-mersed and drowned for-



heav-en, And in whose dai-ly life is prized The name of
ev-er. The wa-ter of your Bap-tism day Re-stored a-



Christ once giv-en: Con-sid-er now what God has done, The
gain what-ev-er Old Ad-am and his sin de-stroyed And



gifts He gives to ev-'ry-one Bap-tized in-to Christ Je-sus!
all our sin-ful selves em-ployed Ac-cord-ing to our na-ture.

INVOCATION

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

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION

Based on Psalm 29

P: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,

C: **Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

P: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name;

C: **Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.**

P: As sinners, Your voice should condemn our sin.

C: **As Your children through baptism, we ask for mercy and forgiveness.**

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

ABSOLUTION

SERVICE OF THE WORD

EPISTLE READING

Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:4-11

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

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

“God’s Love Beyond Labels”

Romans 6:1-11

Sermon Notes and Additional References

“New Kid”

“Disguised” Critique and Condemnation

Labeling in the Church of Rome

Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. *(Romans 2:1)*

Abraham

God has _____ beyond any _____!

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will. *(Ephesians 1:11)*

We are in danger of _____ people any time we put ourselves _____ someone else.

_____ others is easy when they fit into our _____... as God’s creation, He _____ and _____. There is not one _____ behind that truth.

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 29 and Numbers 6:24-26

P: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;

C: The Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

P: May the Lord give strength to His people!

C: May the Lord bless His people with peace!

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

“Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered”

LSB 404 v. 1, 4

Sung to the tune of “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

- 1 **Jesus, once with sinners numbered, Had no blemish of His own;
In the waters of the Jordan, His true worth and work were shown:
Heaven opened and the Spirit, There descended like a dove,
As the Father’s voice resounded, “Hear My Son, the One I love.”**

- 4 **Jesus, once with sinners numbered, Full obedience was Your path;
You, by death, have consecrated, Water in this saving bath:
Dying to the sin of Adam, Rising to a life of grace;
We are counted with the righteous, Over us the cross You trace.**

Weekly Worship Meditations and Preparation Thoughts

For meditation from Sunday's worship: Read Romans 6:1-11

- How do these verses help you think differently about labels on yourself and others?
- How might these verses help you to let go of labels and more fully experience God's love to share with others?

Serving Us Today

Pastor - Rev. Peter Weeks

Director of Youth and Family Ministry - Arlyn Meyer

Organist - Trudy Rowold

Elders	8:00 am	Chris Byers	(275-5040)
	10:30 am	John Ohlendorf	(826-6335)
Ushers	8:00 am	Larry Rowold (Lead) and Mark Soukup	
	10:30 am	Steve Sewell (Lead) and Greg Johnson	

Altar Flowers

*The flowers on the altar are sponsored by Ken and Rae Anne Robertson
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