

Sunday, January 29, 2023, 10:00am
New Member Welcome

A recent Church Pew Survey reported that “after tracking new members in numerous Churches for 6 months, 90% of those still active had 6 or more friends in the congregation while 98% of those who left the Church had fewer than 3 friends”.

PreService Praise Songs

#845, Where Charity and Love Prevail

1 Where charity and love prevail There God is ever found; Brought here together by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.

2 With grateful joy and holy fear His charity we learn; Let us with heart and mind and soul Now love Him in return.

3 Forgive we now each other's faults As we our faults confess, And let us love each other well
In Christian holiness.

4 Let strife among us be unknown; Let all contention cease; Be God's the glory that we seek;
Be ours His holy peace.

5. Let us recall that in our midst, Dwells Christ, His only Son, As members of His body joined, We are in Him made one.

6. For love excludes no race or clan, That names the Savior's name; His family embraces all, Whose Father is the same.

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

C: Amen.

P: The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing,

C: but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

P: He is the source of your life in Jesus,

C: whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness, sanctification and redemption.

P: Let us confess our sins and ask for His mercy for the sake of Jesus.

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: We cannot repay God for our offenses, but He has given us His Son to pay for every sin. As a called and ordained servant of Jesus I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Together, we pray,

C: Almighty God, You have told us what pleases You and how we should live. Help us to do justice and love kindness in response to Jesus' life of perfect obedience and sacrificial death on our behalf, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

Children's Time

Micah 6:1–8

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

1 John 4:7, 9-11

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

MATTHEW 5:1-12

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

#842, Son of God, Eternal Savior

- 1 Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race, You our Head, who, throned in glory, For Your own will ever plead:
Fill us with Your love and pity, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
- 2 As You, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live. Freely have Your gifts been granted;
Freely may Your servants give. Yours the gold and Yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of Your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.
- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and
passion, Bid its cruel discords cease. By Your patient years of toiling, By Your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, Stem our selfish greed of gain.
- 4 Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race: By Your praying, by Your willing That Your people should be one,
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition: Here on earth Your will be done.

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The Sermon *Be A Disciple*

P: Please rise and join me as we confess our faith,

C: NICENE CREED

The Gathering of our Gifts and Tithes

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Adam: Beloved in the Lord, Jesus said to His apostles, “Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.” Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what Pastor will ask you in the name of the Lord.

P: Do you, in the presence of God, and of this family of faith, acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

R: Yes, I do.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

R: Yes, I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?

R: Yes, I believe.

P: Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and the doctrine of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, drawn from them and confessed in the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

R: I do.

P: Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord’s Supper faithfully?

R: I do, by the grace of God.

P: Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

R: I do, by the grace of God.

P: Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

R: I do, by the grace of God.

P: Do you desire to become a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church?

R: I do.

P: Will you support the work our gracious Lord has given us with your prayers and the gifts God has given you?

R: I will, with the help of God.

P: Upon this your confession of faith, I acknowledge publicly that you are members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and of Redeemer Lutheran Church. Receive the Lord’s Supper and participate with us in all the blessings of salvation that our Lord has given to His Church, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

R: Amen.

Adam: Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that by Your Word and Spirit they may continue steadfast in the one true faith in the fellowship of Redeemer Lutheran as together we await the day when all who

have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,

C: Amen.

Prayers of His Children

P: Let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, hear our prayer.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Words of our Lord

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray,

C: LORD'S PRAYER

Distribution of Holy Communion

#547, *The Lamb*

1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice? Faith sees, believes
God will provide the Lamb of price! Refrain

ref Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. **Refrain**

3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will On our behalf the Law to fill. **Refrain**

4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness. **Refrain**

5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. **Refrain**

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#543, *What Wondrous Love Is This*

- 1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this That caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for
my soul, To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!
- 2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down Beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul,
for my soul, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.
- 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I AM, While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will
sing, While millions join the theme, I will sing.
- 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing His love for me, And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing
on, And through eternity I'll sing on.

Text: A General Selection of . . . Hymns and Spiritual Songs, 1811, Lynchburg, alt.
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#744, *Amazing Grace*

- 1 Amazing grace—how sweet the sound— That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see!
- 2 The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
- 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail In heaven's joy and peace.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

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P: Together, we pray,

C: We give thanks, heavenly Father, that You have again assured us of sins forgiven in this Sacrament. Grant us to know Your presence as we leave, so that, strong in faith, our thoughts, words, and deeds will reflect Your great love and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

God's Benediction

#790, *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation! Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near, Joining in glad adoration!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining. Have you not seen All that is needful has been Sent by His gracious ordaining?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you, Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you. What need or grief Ever has failed of relief? Wings of His mercy did shade you.
- 4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you; Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you. Ponder anew What the Almighty can do As with His love He befriends you.
- 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him! Let the Amen Sound from His people again; Gladly forever adore Him!

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