

F I R S T S U N D A Y I N L E N T
FEBRUARY 10, 2008

The Order of Worship at 8:15 and 11:00 AM

We extend a warm welcome to all who have chosen to worship at Redeemer today. Following the service, please join us for coffee in the Atrium. May this time of worship encourage, inspire, and strengthen you for the days ahead. Additional information about worship at Redeemer is included on the back of the service folder.

Words to be spoken or sung by the congregation are indicated in bold type or marked with a **C**; text marked with **P** or **A** is spoken or sung by a pastor or an assisting minister. Please stand or kneel as you are able for the indicated portions of the service. Please lower your kneelers quietly during prayer.

If you are in need of an Assistive Hearing Device please ask an usher for help.

PRELUDE

The Promise
The Carillon Ringers

John A. Behnke

G A T H E R I N G

*The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day of the week,
the day of Christ's resurrection.*

INVITATION TO WORSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Standing

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneeling or seated

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C O M E S H A R E L I F E

C Amen

SHARING THE PEACE

Standing

HYMN

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

CWM RHONDDA

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

P Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

C Amen

The Pastor will collect your prayer request cards as the children are invited to come forward for the children's sermon.

Please let us know you worshiped with us today by signing the attendance register pad as it is passed down your row. As you return it, take a moment to read the names of those seated around you so you can greet them after the service.

W O R D

God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.

Seated

8:15 - COMMISSIONING OF NEW STEPHEN MINISTERS

“In Stephen Ministry congregations, lay caregivers, called Stephen Ministers, provide one-to-one Christian care to the bereaved, hospitalized, terminally ill, separated, divorced, unemployed, relocated, and others facing a crisis or life challenge. Stephen Ministry helps pastors and congregations provide quality caring ministry for as long as people need it.” Stephenministry.com

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer currently has eight Stephen Ministers. We are blessed to welcome three more this morning: Please pray for this ministry and their service to our congregation.

☒ Dear brothers, you have been equipped to serve as Stephen Ministers at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. Listen now to the words we find in Scripture.

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God” (2 Corinthians 1:3–4).

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.” (Colossians 3:23–24).

☒ Brothers, each of you has been comforted by God with the Good News of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection for you. We ask you now to join in serving our Lord and those in our congregation and neighborhood who need to be comforted. As the Lord Jesus has responded to your needs, we ask you to strive to be responsive to the needs of others. As the Lord Jesus took the burdens of the world on his shoulders and has been a friend to you in troubled times, we ask you to be a friend to those who are burdened under the stress of daily life. As the Lord Jesus patiently listens when you turn to him, we ask you to be a patient listener in a hurried world. As the Lord Jesus has broken down the barriers that separated you from God, we ask you to heal divisions wherever you find them and strive to make people whole. As the Spirit of Christ has given you gifts for service, we ask you to use your skills and talents to help those people whom you serve and to pray for them. As the Lord Jesus has shown his care to you, we ask you to help this congregation grow as a caring community through your own caring ministry. As the Lord Jesus has revealed his presence to you through faith, we ask you to share your personal experiences of faith with those around you so that they too may celebrate the presence of Christ in our world today.

☒ Are you prepared to meet those requests that we ask of you?

Answer: *Yes, with the help of God.*

☒ Are you prepared to nurture the skills you have learned and use them in service to others—to support, encourage, build up, and comfort people in all their needs?

Answer: *Yes, with the help of God.*

☒ Now, we ask you, members of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, to open your hearts to the ministry of these people and to pray for them, that they may be effective servants of Christ. Are you prepared to meet this request? If so, answer, “Yes, with the help of God.”

☑ ***Yes, with the help of God.***

L We also ask you to accept their ministry when you need help, to allow these individuals to work with you as you face struggles in your life, that you might receive support and help from your Christian brothers and sisters. If you are prepared to meet this request, answer, “Yes, with the help of God.”

C *Yes, with the help of God.*

L Are you prepared to serve as Stephen Ministers at Redeemer?

Answer: *Yes, with the help of God.*

L Come forward now and receive a blessing.

L May the God of all peace keep you sound in body, mind, and spirit and strengthen you for the ministry to which you have been called. Because you have promised faithfully to serve the Lord Jesus and his people as Stephen Ministers, I commend you to the care and guidance of the Holy Spirit as you in turn care for others. Work hard. Use the skills you have learned, releasing the gifts and talents the Spirit of God has given you so that you might be a blessing to the people you meet and care for. Continue to study. Reflect upon the situations you encounter. Pray for the people whose lives you are privileged to share. Be free to share your own personal frustrations and needs with others so that you might receive the same kind of care and love you offer others. Act boldly and without fear, for Christ is with you. And “may the God of peace sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

L Let us Pray. O God, we ask you to take our brothers Danny, Ed and William into your care. You have blessed them with particular gifts and talents and have provided them with an opportunity to learn more about helping people. May they serve you with the power of the Holy Spirit; may they be quick to serve, patient in listening, willing to share themselves with people. Give to us thankful hearts for them, and show them in times of stress and satisfaction a special measure of your mercy and joy. Keep them strong in the faith you have given them for the sake of Jesus, who cares for all of us in every way forever. Amen.

L Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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11:00 – ANTHEM

Sweet is the Name of Jesus
The Redeemer Singers

G.F. Handel

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor Mike Foss

11:00 - HYMN 474

Children of the Heavenly Father TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA
(Stanza 1)

11:00 - HOLY BAPTISM

THE READING

Romans 5:12-19 (Page 145)

After the reading

The word of the Lord.

☒ Thanks be to God.

Standing

GOSPEL VERSE

GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11 (Page 3)

☒ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

The Gospel of the Lord.

SERMON

The Light of Truth: Jesus is Tempted

Bishop Julian Gordy

Standing

HYMN

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

LLANGLOFFAN

Standing

8:15 - APOSTLES' CREED

**☒ I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the virgin Mary.
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended into hell.
 On the third day he rose again.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen**

TEMPLE TALK

Redeemer Foundation

T H A N K S G I V I N G

God's grace and mercy summon us to give thanks.

Seated

GATHERING OF GIFTS

ANTHEM

O For a Closer Walk with God

C. V. Stanford

The Redeemer Choir

Standing

OFFERTORY

P R A Y E R S

C O M E S H A R E L I F E

Your prayer card petitions are offered today in worship and included on The Weekly Prayer List found at the Member Care table. Through the week you may submit prayer requests to cmayfield@redeemer.org Individuals with special on-going prayer needs are continuously included on The Weekly Prayer List unless otherwise advised. Please pick up your Weekly Prayer List and offer your prayers of joy, thanksgiving and concern for one another.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
and for all people according to their needs.

Kneeling or seated

Each portion of the prayers concludes:

P Lord, in your mercy,

G **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

G **Amen**

S E N D I N G

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor ✝ and give you peace.

HYMN

Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS

SENDING

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

PRELUDE

Fugue in G Minor, BWV 542

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

All who seek to meet the Risen Christ in the bread and wine are invited to receive Holy Communion at spoken services in the upstairs chapel following today's worship service. Please indicate in the attendance register pad your intention to receive communion.