

# Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

## Opening Psalm



Sure - ly, it is God who saves me;

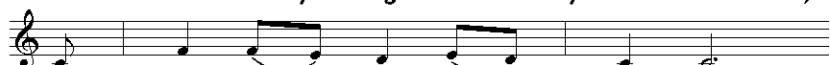
## Refrain



I will trust in him and not be a - fraid.

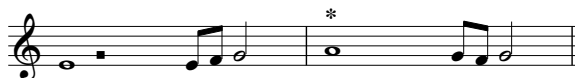


For the Lord is my strong - hold and my sure de - fense,



and he will be my Sav - ior.

## Psalm Tone



In you, O LORD, I have taken 'refugee;\*  
deliver me in your 'righteousness.

Be my rock of 'refugee,\*  
a strong fortress to 'save me.

Into your hands I commit my 'spirit;\*  
redeem me, O LORD, the 'God of truth. **Refrain**

My times are 'in your hands;\*  
save me in your un'failing love.

How great is your 'goodness,\*  
which you have stored up for those who 'fear you.

You heard my cry for 'mercy\*  
when I called to 'you for help.

Glory be to the Father and 'to the Son\*  
and to the Holy 'Spirit,

as it was in the beginning,\*  
as it was in the be'ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. 'Amen. **Refrain**

**INVOCATION** – Matthew 28:19

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

**C: Amen.**

**CONFESSION** – 1 John 1:8-9

P: Let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, reflecting on the times we have neglected the mission he has given us. Let us ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

**ABSOLUTION** – John 1:29 & 20:23

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the Word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**LORD, HAVE MERCY** – Mark 10:47

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. For the well being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all that they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the spread of your life-giving Gospel through the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

P: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

**C: Amen.**

The service begins with the words that began our life with God - the words spoken at Baptism.

The Bible encourages us to acknowledge and confess our sins. God promises to respond with his gift of forgiveness.

Because Jesus took away the guilt of the world, he authorizes his followers to announce his forgiveness to all who are sorry for their sins.

The expression "Lord, have mercy" is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian Church.

Christians praise  
 God by  
 proclaiming the  
 great things he has  
 done to  
 accomplish our  
 rescue from sin.  
 "Glory to God in  
 the Highest" has  
 been a Christian  
 song of worship  
 since the 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Century.

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## GLORY BE TO GOD – Luke 2:14



All Glo - ry be to God on high! Your name, O Lord, we  
 Our grate-ful thanks to you we bring. For your great glo - ry,



glo - ri - fy; We praise you for your peace and grace, Your  
 heav - 'nly King, For all, O Fa - ther, you have done Through



fa - vor toward our fall - en race.  
 Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.

## THE WORD

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray,

O God, you have prepared joys beyond understanding for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## EPISTLE – Romans 6:1-5

**Dead to sin,  
 alive in Christ**

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Alleluia.

Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le - lu-ia! Faith comes from hear-ing the  
mes-sage, and the mes-sage is heard through the Word of  
Christ. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

## GOSPEL — Matthew 10:34-42

"Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to turn "a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law-- a man's enemies will be the members of his own household." "Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. "He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me. Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and anyone who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Either for Christ  
or against him**

**SERMON HYMN**

*“How Can I Thank You Lord”*

**CW 460**

**SERMON** – Jonah 4:1-10

**RESENTMENT**

**Part 4 in  
our Jonah  
Series**

**More Than  
a Fish  
Story**

<sup>1</sup>But Jonah was greatly displeased and became angry.

<sup>2</sup>He prayed to the LORD, "O LORD, is this not what I said when I was still at home? That is why I was so quick to flee to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. <sup>3</sup>Now, O LORD, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live."

<sup>4</sup>But the LORD replied, "Have you any right to be angry?"

<sup>5</sup>Jonah went out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD God provided a vine and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the vine.

<sup>7</sup>But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the vine so that it withered. <sup>8</sup>When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, "It would be better for me to die than to live."

<sup>9</sup>But God said to Jonah, "Do you have a right to be angry about the vine?" "I do," he said. "I am angry enough to die."

<sup>10</sup>But the LORD said, "You have been concerned about this vine, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. <sup>11</sup>But Nineveh has more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left, and many cattle as well. Should I not be concerned about that great city?"

**THE CONFESSION OF FAITH** – Third Article and Meaning

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Christian church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him.**

**But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.**

**In this Christian church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.**

**On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.**

**OFFERING AND SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP REGISTER**

Public  
confession is  
faith's  
response to  
God's saving  
Word.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

# THE SACRAMENT

Our church practices membership communion.  
We ask that only members of our church body, the Wisconsin Lutheran Synod  
Partake of the sacrament.

## PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has called us to be his own so we can serve him in righteousness. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song.

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Sanctus) – Isaiah 6:1-3

O Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of pow'r and might, Your glo-ry, earth and heav-en In count-less ways re-cite. Ho-san-na! Come and save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And in your grace and mer-cy Re-ceive our fer-vent cry.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION Matthew 26:26-28, 1 Corinthians 11:24-25

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

Following the offering we pray for the church

The words of the Preface mark the beginning of the Communion section of the service and lift the worshipers' hearts in praise. The opening sentences are among the oldest in the Christian liturgy.

In this song we praise God, who is present with us in his Supper.  
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Jesus is God's Lamb, who was offered as a sacrifice for sin once for all.

### LAMB OF GOD - John 1:29

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

The celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith.

### DISTRIBUTION & HYMN

*"O Living Bread from Heaven"*

CW 314

### SONG OF SIMEON

O Lord, now let your ser-vant De - part in peace, as - sured:  
For I have seen your prom-ised in - car-nate, sav-ing Word-  
A Light that will en - light-en All gloom, where Gen-tiles dwell;  
The bril-liant, crown-ing glo-ry Of those in Is-ra-el!

P: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

**BLESSING - Numbers 6:24-29**

P: The Lord bless you 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.

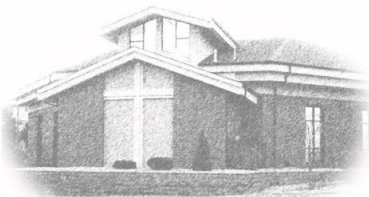
C: Amen.

The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on (them), and I will bless them."

**CLOSING HYMN**

*"Almighty God, Your Word is Cast"*

CW 324



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### Our Purpose

Christ Our Redeemer was organized in 1965 so that with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, it might strengthen the faith of its members and reach out into the community and the world.

To carry out this purpose we believe and teaching:

That the Bible is the Word of God and the only foundation for Christian faith and life;

That God revealed in the Bible as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, is the true and living God;

That all people have sinned against his holy will, fall short of his glory, and therefore deserve to be condemned eternally;

That Jesus Christ came into the world to deliver all people from the guilt and power of sin and that he lived and died as the perfect and only substitute;

That through faith created by the Holy Spirit, the benefits of Christ's works are received personally;

That on the last day Jesus will return to judge the living and the dead and will take all those who trust in him to eternal life.

We join in that confession with over 1200 congregations of the

Wisconsin Lutheran Synod

and with them carry on a world-wide ministry.

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