

CHRIST OUR REDEEMER

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Welcome to Worship

OPENING HYMN

“Sing a New Song to the Lord”

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Sing a new song to the Lord, He to whom won-ders be-
Now to the ends of the earth, See, his sal - va - tion is
Sing a new song and re - joi-ce! Pub - lish his prais - es a-
Join with the hills and the sea Thun-ders of praise to pro-



- long! Re - joi-ce in his tri - umph and tell of his
shown, And still he re - mem-bers his mer - cy and
- broad! Let voic - es in cho - rus, with trum - pet and
- long! In judg - ment and jus - tice he comes to the



pow'r! Oh, sing to the Lord a new song!
truth. Un - chang-ing in love to his own.
horn, Re - sound for the joy of the Lord!
earth. Oh sing to the Lord a new song!

Welcome to Worship

Pastor: We worship in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

P: Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things;

C: His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

P: The LORD has made his salvation known;

C: He has revealed his righteousness to the nations.

P: He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel;

C: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Confession of Sins and Forgiveness

P: Dear friends, let us approach God with true hearts and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: God our Father, by nature we are dead in sin. We have disobeyed your commandments and have broken relationships. We confess attitudes that are loveless, worship that is half-hearted, faith that is fleeting. We are often slow to learn of you and tell others what we have learned. Forgive us, Lord, and prepare us for the work you have planned for us.

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 sin. As a called servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

First Lesson – Acts 11:19-26

¹⁹Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, spreading the word only among Jews. ²⁰Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. ²¹The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord. ²²News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch.

²³When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. ²⁴He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.

²⁵Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.


Gospel Lesson – John 15:9-17

⁹“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹²My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷This is my command: Love each other.

SERMON HYMN

"The Love of Christ, Who Died for Me"

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The love of Christ, who died for me Is
My sins I on - ly see in part, My
O liv - ing Lord of life, for whom The



more than mind can know, His mer - cy mea - sure -
self - re - gard - ing ways; The se - cret pla - ces
heav - ens held their breath, To see, tri - um - phant




- less and free To meet the debt I owe. He
of my heart Lie bare be - fore his gaze. For
from the tomb, A love that con - quers death, Pos -



came my sin - ful cause to plead, He
me the price of sin he paid; My
- sess my heart that it may be Your



laid his glo - ries by, for me a home - less
sins be - yond re - call are all a - like on
king - dom with - out end, O Christ who died for



life to lead, A shame - ful death to die.
Je - sus laid, He died to bear them all.
love of me And lives to be my friend.

Sermon Text – 1 John 4:1-11

¹Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

⁴You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.

⁷Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Recognize Truth

Stand

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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

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.

Be Seated

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Prayer of the Church

P: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

C: We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.

P: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our own sinful nature.

C: We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.

P: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

C: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.

P: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

P: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.

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

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.

CLOSING HYMN

"This Is My Will"

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"This is my will, my one com-mand, That love should dwell
"No great-er love can an-y have Than that one die
"I call you now no long-er slaves; No slave knows all
"You chose not me, but I chose you, That you should go
"All that you ask my Fa-ther dear For my name's sake



a - mong you all. This is my will, that you
to save his friends. You are my friends if you
the mas - ter does. I call you friends, for all
and bear much fruit. I chose you out that you
you shall re - ceive. This is my will, my one



should love As I have shown that I love you.
o - bey What I com - mand that you should do.
I hear My Fa - ther say, you hear from me.
in me Should bear much fruit that will a - bide.
com - mand, That love should dwell on each, in all."

***A warm welcome to our visitors.
May the Lord bless
your worship with us today!***

- If you are visiting, please do us the honor of filling out a connection card, located on the podium near the entrance to the sanctuary. After filling it out, please hand it to an usher, place it in the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary, or give it to the pastor.
- Please let an usher know if you require a larger print bulletin.
- Restrooms are located through the gathering area, down the hallway to your left.
- We will not pass the offering plate during the service. Feel free to give an offering online at our website: (www.christredeemer.church), scan the QR code to the right, or place your offering in the plate at the back of the sanctuary.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting: Between services on May 16, to inform and get feedback on School opportunities and parking lot issues.

Calling All Softball Players! The area WELS churches are gathering for a coed softball tournament on Saturday, July 10. We would love to get a team together from COR! Men and women are invited and encouraged to play—and if you have a friend that would be interested, bring them as well! Contact Pastor Engelbrecht to let him know that you are interested.

NEW Bible 101 Class will be starting soon. It will be from 5:45-6:45 on Thursday evenings, beginning Thursday, May 13th. Invite a friend to learn more about the Bible and Jesus. If it's been a while since you reviewed the truths of your faith, join us to grow in faith and to enjoy the fellowship of growing in hope together! Questions? Contact Pastor Engelbrecht. If you're planning on attending, please let Pastor know.

Are you willing to host? Two couples from the Midwest are coming out to help with our soccer camp this year. They will need a place to stay during the week of the camp (July 24-30). Would you be willing to host one or both of the couples? If you have questions or are willing and able to host, please let Pastor know as soon as possible.