

# Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church



## The Struggle Within Us

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**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](http://www.christredeemer.church)), scan the QR code to the right, or place your offering in the plate at the back of the sanctuary.



# Welcome

## OPENING HYMN

## "Take My Life and Let It Be"

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Take my life and let it be Con - se - cra - ted,  
Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse  
Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways on - ly  
Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would  
Take my will and make it thine; It shall be no  
Take my love, my Lord, I pour At thy feet its



Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments and my days;  
of thy love. Take my feet and let them be  
for my King. Take my lips and let them be  
I with - hold Take my in - tel - lect and use  
long - er mine, Take my heart - it is thine own;  
treasure store. Take my - self, and I will be



Let them flow in cease-less praise.  
Swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
Filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
Ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.  
It shall be thy roy - al throne.  
Ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

*Stand*

# Call To Worship

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

P: O Lord, open my lips,

**C: and my mouth shall declare your praise.**

P: Create in me a pure heart, O God,

**C: and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

P: Do not cast me from your presence

**C: or take your Holy Spirit from me.**

P: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

**C: and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.**

## Confession of Sins and Forgiveness

P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me a sinner.**

P: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He has sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## PRAYER

P: Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*Be Seated*

# Scripture Lessons

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

**Numbers 11:16, 24-29**

<sup>16</sup> The Lord said to Moses: “Bring me seventy of Israel’s elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the tent of meeting, that they may stand there with you.

<sup>24</sup> So Moses went out and told the people what the Lord had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the tent. <sup>25</sup> Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took some of the power of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied—but did not do so again.

<sup>26</sup> However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup> A young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.”

<sup>28</sup> Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses’ aide since youth, spoke up and said, “Moses, my lord, stop them!” <sup>29</sup> But Moses replied, “Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the Lord’s people were prophets and that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!”

## EPISTLE LESSON

**James 4:7-12**

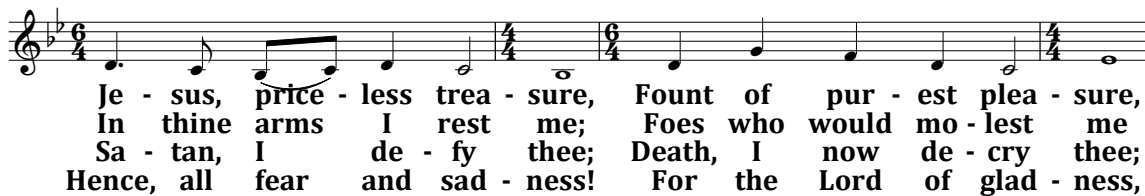
<sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup> Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup> Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

<sup>11</sup> Brothers and sisters, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against a brother or sister or judges them speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it. <sup>12</sup> There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you—who are you to judge your neighbor?

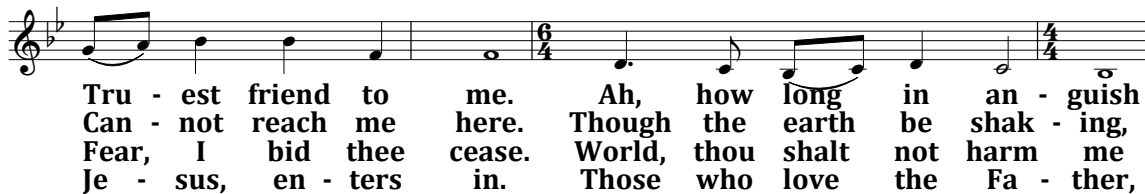
SERMON HYMN

"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

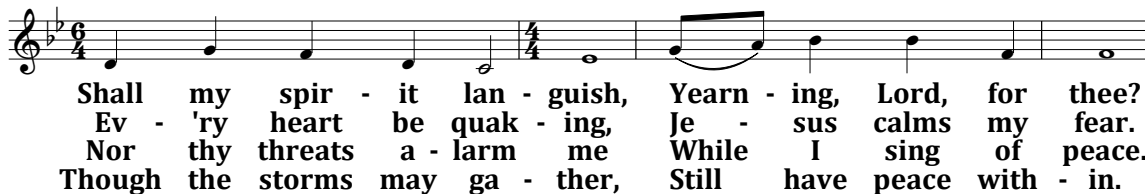
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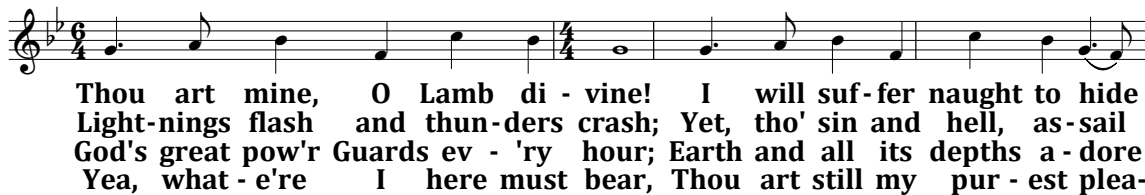
Je - sus, price - less trea - sure, Fount of pur - est plea - sure,  
In thine arms I rest me; Foes who would mo - lest me  
Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; Death, I now de - cry thee;  
Hence, all fear and sad - ness! For the Lord of glad - ness,



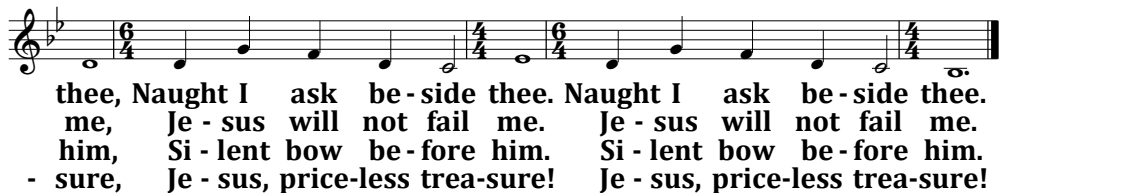
Tru - est friend to me. Ah, how long in an - guish  
Can - not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing,  
Fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt not harm me  
Je - sus, en - ters in. Those who love the Fa - ther,



Shall my spir - it lan - guish, Yearn - ing, Lord, for thee?  
Ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear.  
Nor thy threats a - larm me While I sing of peace.  
Though the storms may ga - ther, Still have peace with - in.



Thou art mine, O Lamb di - vine! I will suf - fer naught to hide  
Light - nings flash and thun - ders crash; Yet, tho' sin and hell, as - sail  
God's great pow'r Guards ev - 'ry hour; Earth and all its depths a - dore  
Yea, what - e're I here must bear, Thou art still my pur - est plea -



thee, Naught I ask be - side thee. Naught I ask be - side thee.  
me, Je - sus will not fail me. Je - sus will not fail me.  
him, Si - lent bow be - fore him. Si - lent bow be - fore him.  
- sure, Je - sus, price - less trea - sure! Je - sus, price - less trea - sure!

## SERMON TEXT

Mark 9:38-50

<sup>38</sup> “Teacher,” said John, “we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.”

<sup>39</sup> “Do not stop him,” Jesus said. “For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, <sup>40</sup> for whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup> Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.

<sup>42</sup> “If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup> If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. [ <sup>44</sup> ] <sup>45</sup> And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. [ <sup>46</sup> ] <sup>47</sup> And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup> where “the worms that eat them do not die, and the fire is not quenched.” <sup>49</sup> Everyone will be salted with fire.

<sup>50</sup> “Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other.”

# Get Out of the Way

*Stand*

## THE SECOND ARTICLE WITH LUTHERN'S EXPLANATION

**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 shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

*What does this mean?*

**I believe that Jesus Christ is true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary; and that He is my Lord, Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood, and with His innocent suffering and death; in order that I might be His own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness; even as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

*Be Seated*

## **PRAYER**

### **THE 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 Lord's Supper**

*Our church practices membership communion.  
We ask that only members partake of the sacrament.*

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **DISTRIBUTION**

*Remain Seated*

## **THE 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 on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

**C: Amen.**



CLOSING HYMN

"Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways"

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Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways  
Or - der my foot - steps by your Word,  
As - sist my soul, too apt to stray,  
Make me to walk in your com - mands-



To keep his stat - utes still! Oh, that my God  
And make my heart sin - cere; Let sin have no  
A strict - er watch to keep; And should I e'er  
- 'Tis a de - light - ful road- Nor let my head



would grant me grace To know and do his will!  
do - min - ion, Lord, But keep my con - science clear.  
for - get your way, Re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.  
or heart or hands Of - fend a - gainst my God.



# Calendar

<b>Today</b>	<b>8 &amp; 10:30a</b>	<b>Worship with Communion</b>
	<b>9:15a</b>	<b>Bible Class &amp; Sunday School</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>4:30p</b>	<b>Catechism Class</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9:00a</b>	<b>Bible Study at Village Inn</b>
	<b>6:30p</b>	<b>Facility in Use</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5:45p</b>	<b>Bible 101</b>
	<b>7:00p</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>7:45p</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>

## Looking for Cleaning Volunteers

We unexpectedly lost access to the cleaning service we had in place for the school this year. As we work to replace those cleaners, we are asking for volunteers to fill the gap. There is a signup sheet to cover the days required for cleaning. A cleaning procedure document will be distributed to volunteers so your responsibilities will be clear. Thank you for your help in this important matter!

## Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Join us the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month for Bible Study We meet at 9am in the Village Inn (Iliff and Chambers).

# Upcoming Events

October 30<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00p-5:30p, Trunk or Treat – look for more information soon on how you can help support this annual event.

November 11<sup>th</sup>, 11:30a – COR Town Meeting. Look for a video update from us soon, your input will be appreciated.

Thanksgiving Worship – Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 7p and Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, at 9a.

December 5<sup>th</sup> – COR Budget and Elections Meeting at 11:30a.

December 15<sup>th</sup> – 7p Children’s Christmas Service.

December 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> from 5-7p – Living Nativity.



# The Struggle

## **New Sermon Series:**

This new sermon series begins today.

Every day we face struggles that threaten to overcome our faith. Jesus addresses many of those struggles throughout the book of Mark. Join us as Jesus warns us, encourages us, and rescues us in our struggles.

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10:30a (Summer Worship at 9a)  
Thursdays at 7p, during Lent and  
Advent Wednesdays at 7p

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