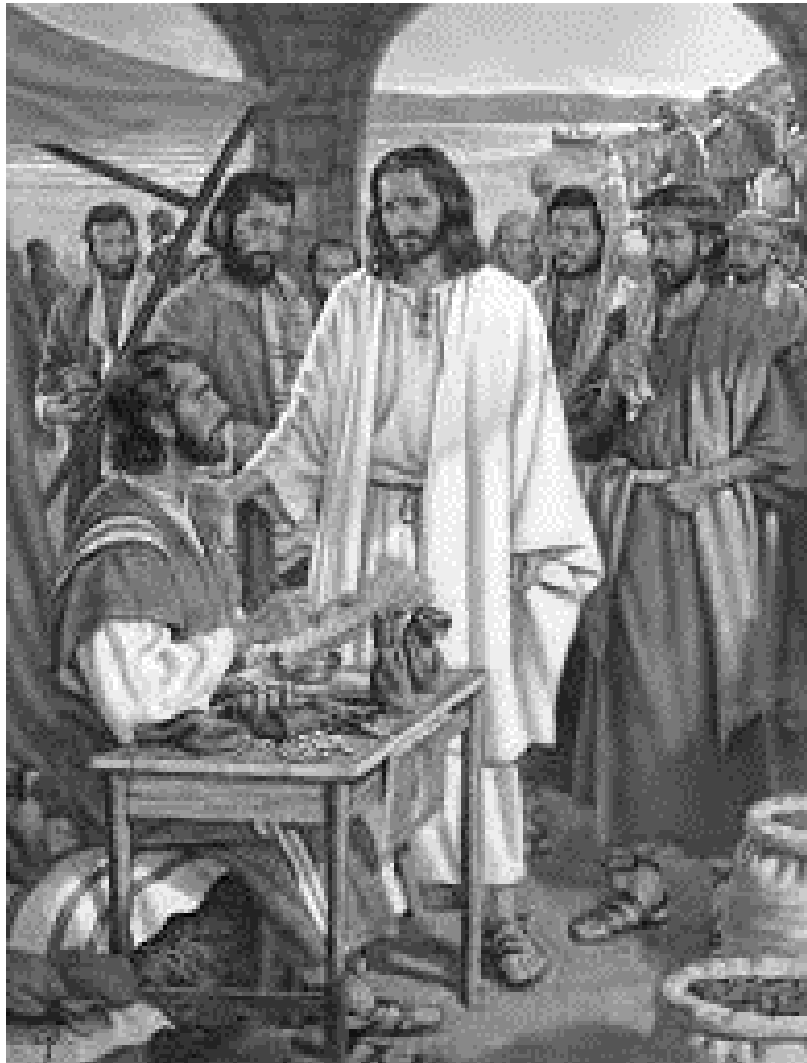


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***Celebration, Worship, and Communion Service
Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 11, 2023***

PRELUDE

played by organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

LBW [Green Book] # 165

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

C **Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

C **Righteous God, we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED

INTRODUCTION

Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord's day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world.

The First Lesson is from Genesis chapter 12 verses 1-9

God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation. As they journey, they inaugurate sacrificial worship at every stopping point.

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that

they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land.

⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 33:1-12

Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! (Ps. 33:12)

¹Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous;
praise is fitting for the upright.

²Praise the LORD with the lyre;
make music for God with a ten-stringed harp.

³Sing for the LORD a new song;
play your instrument skillfully with joyful sounds.

⁴For your word, O LORD, is right,
and faithful are all your works.

⁵You love righteousness and justice;
your steadfast love fills the whole earth.

⁶By your word were the heavens made,
by the breath of your mouth all the hosts of heaven.

⁷You gather up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin
and store up the depths of the sea.

⁸Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe.

⁹For God spoke, and it came to pass;
God commanded, and it stood fast.
¹⁰The LORD brings the will of the nations to nothing
and thwarts the designs of the peoples.
¹¹Your will, O LORD, stands fast forever,
and the designs of your heart from age to age.
¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!
Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

The Second Lesson is from Romans chapter 4 verses 13-25

Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationships. For Abraham and for us, a right relationship with God involves trusting that God's promises will be fulfilled because God makes the dead alive and calls into existence what otherwise does not exist.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that

God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *“Alleluia. Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?”*

The Gospel Lesson is from Matthew chapter 9 verses 9-13, 18-26

Jesus demonstrates God's mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life.

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

¹⁸While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." ²²Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well.

²³When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. ²⁵But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶And the report of this spread throughout that district.

The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

Jerry Brady

“Who Follows You?”

CHOIR ANTHEM

“I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”

APOSTLES’ CREED

L 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L ... God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

OFFERTORY

OFFERING PRAYER

P God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.
Communion Distribution (The Congregation is invited to come forward by the ushers to receive Communion. If you are unable to come to the altar, Communion will be brought to you in the pew. All baptized and believing Christians are invited to the table. Anyone with any questions can speak to the Pastor. The inside circle of glasses contains grape juice.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed + bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

LBW [Green Book] # 543

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

played by organist



Pastor: Rev. Lisa Rotchford, (714) 833-7332
Organist: Sharon Heck
Flowers are given by: *Kay Pushman in Memory of James Pushman.*

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

President: Jerry Brady
Communion Assistant Carmen Leslie
Reader / Prayer Leader: Kay Pushman
Financial Team: Wendy Alfageme and Phyllis Mackey

THIS WEEK

Thursday: 2:30 p.m. Council Meeting
Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Communion Service

Redeemer Finance: June Offering through June 4, 2023

Budgeted Monthly Expense	\$8,341.00
Offering	<u>\$3,135.00</u>
Needed to meet expenses	\$5,206.00

We wish to thank those who have given to our Memorial Fund:

Memorial Gifts

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Kay Pushman	Jim Pushman
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Wendy Alfageme	Pastor Lynda Elmer
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Hiroko Minei	Mother

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Kathy, Wendy, Dena, Nancy, Shirlene, Jerry, Dondi, Carol, Mickey, Evelyn, Christa, Alice, Barbara, Cedric, Lynda, Lucy, Karen, Raymond, Bernice, Richard, Al, Brian, George, Rose, Ken, Sandra, Julia, Carmen, Betty, Nancy, Phyllis, Sue, Sylvia, Gilbert, Florence, Erich, Leslie, Linda, Veronica, Kay, Violet, Linda, Ron, Lisa, Barbara, Violet, Joan, Edith, Anita, Evelyn, Maria, Tee, Juanita, Joan, Linda, Dee, Clarence, Debbie, Bruce, Alma, Martha, Collette, Robert, Laura, Jim, Loretta, Patricia, William, Lorna, Teresa, Joan, Mike, Anne, Lynn, Mike, Ethan, Kurt, Brinly, McCall, Kathy, Nayleen, Nicole, Donald, Maria, Andy, Owen, Tom, Anastasia, Claire, Fran, Chris, Kyle, Michele, Bill, Wes, Sam, Kolt, Midge, Maeve, Brigid, Joanna, and Dale. *Please pray for our Bishop David Nagler, the victims of the Ukrainian crisis, and victims and families of all violence and natural disasters.*

Please pray for this congregation as we continue to celebrate our 60th year anniversary. We will be having a special celebration on October 15 for our anniversary.

Please contact the church to add people to the prayer list.

Gracious God, none who trust in your Son can be separated from your love. Give to those who live alone peace and contentment in their solitude, hope and fulfillment in their love of you, and joy and companionship in their relations with others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHURCH COUNCIL

President Jerry Brady, **Vice-President** Carl Keene, **Secretary** Nancy Anderson, **Treasurer** Phyllis Mackey, **Finance Chair** Kay Pushman
Members at Large: Wendy Alfageme, Sandy Langdale, Carmen Leslie, Betty Lucero, Sylvia Makus, and Anne Walshe

Announcements

- ✝ Welcome everyone this morning, and especially to our guests and visitors! Thank you for joining us.
- ✝ Thank you to Jerry Brady for presiding today.
- ✝ Pastor Lisa will be out of town from June 1 until June 17. Please continue to call the Church number for any *Pastoral emergencies*. Someone will be in touch with you.
- ✝ If you are interested in formally joining Redeemer Lutheran Church, please speak with Pastor Lisa. She is starting to plan for an orientation class and a welcome service for new members.
- ✝ The Flower Chart is available for sign-ups in the entryway. One bouquet is \$15.00. Both are \$30.00. Please include any dedication for your flower request when signing up or include a note beforehand if there is a dedication.
- ✝ We thank those who have continued to wear their masks and want everyone to know that masks are available at the entrance of the Church. We do **HIGHLY** recommend continuing masking, especially with the numbers recently increasing specifically in Leisure World. As we are the most vulnerable population and we have many within the congregation that are immunocompromised, Staff will continue masking with everyone's safety in mind. Those who elect to wear masks, should do so freely. It is the expectation that individual preferences be respected and supported for either choice with no justification required.
- ✝ Our current newsletter, if you want a printed copy, is available in the entryway. It is available online our website at: www.redeemerasealbeach.com. It is sent out via email, if we have your email address. If you are not receiving it, please let us know so we can confirm your address in our system.

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