



Service Focus:

Grace / Joy

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church | Santa Barbara, California
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Welcome!

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! You have joined us for the most important time we spend together. Each time we gather as a family of faith, we make the gospel (or good news) of Jesus our central focus. It is not just about information about what Jesus did to save sinners. It is also the power God uses to work faith in our hearts and transform our lives. In the message and meal (Holy Communion), in specially selected Scripture readings, and in carefully crafted songs, prayers, and creeds, our service proclaims the good news about Jesus from start to finish. Many of the elements of this service have ancient roots in the Christian church. Some are very recent. Lutheran worship is also designed to include the participation of the entire assembly (including children).

Are you visiting with us today? Thank you! We love meeting our neighbors and would be grateful for the opportunity to extend our thanks in a more formal way. **Please consider filling out one of the Welcome/Connect cards in the rack in front of you, or scan the QR code** to the right to help us know you better.

Connect Card



For Your Convenience

- **The order of service** is printed in this folder. If a song is not printed in this service folder, it can be found in the blue hymnal in front of your seat. The pastor will speak the words in normal print. **The congregation is invited to speak those printed in bold.** Please participate as you are comfortable today.
- **Restrooms** are located in the fellowship hall building to the left as you exit church.
- Please reserve the rows in the back of the church for families with small children.
- If you are in need of any other assistance, any one of our members will be happy to assist you.

Participation & Children

Sometimes parents (and even churches) think that worship is not a place for children. At Our Redeemer, we're convinced that nothing could be further from the truth. We want children in church worshipping with their families and learning about Jesus' love for them. Why?

- Even from the earliest of ages, **children are models of faith** from which we can all learn (Luke 18:16,17). Similarly, they learn how to "do church" by watching mom & dad. Model worship for them.
- Our worship format not only encourages families to be together, but is ideally suited for activer worship engagement and participation by all, including children, balancing new service elements each week with regular repetition for learning and memorization.
- The **sights and sounds of active children** during children isn't bad at all – it's a reminder to the adults that the next generation of church leaders is already among us.

We realize that, especially at first, having children in church can be a challenge for parents. To help, we offer the following:

- If your child needs some individual attention to calm them down, an area in the fellowship hall, located just to the left as you exit church, is available. Worship can be watched and heard in this room.
- Other families are willing and ready to help. Let us know if we can offer a hand with your little ones.
- Activity sheets that kids can work on throughout the service are available on the stand in the back.

Current Series: Cause / Effect

“Every why hath a wherefore,” Shakespeare wrote, reminding us that little happens by chance—there is always cause and effect. To live wisely, we must understand both: a healthy heart requires knowing the causes of disease, financial peace demands awareness of spending’s effects. If you want the peace of being close to God, you need to know what causes that effect. Again, to navigate life well, it is vital we understand cause and effect. As we near the end of the Church Year, having reviewed Jesus’ life and teachings, we now focus on key themes that reveal God’s divine cause and effect at work throughout his kingdom. In this final four-week series we will be looking at those themes with the understanding that *“every why hath a wherefore.”* We conclude the year by talking about cause and effect in God’s kingdom.

November 2	Festival of All Saints	Sainthood / Stamina
November 9	Pentecost 22	Grace / Joy
November 16	Pentecost 23	Judgment / Peace
November 23	Last Sunday of Church Year	Scripture / Anticipation

Service Focus

King David once said that guilt makes you feel like your very bones are rotting. Guilt makes you feel weak . . . sick. Guilt can make it hard to focus on anything else . . . hard to function. And guilt is an inescapable fact of life. Everyone carries guilt about something. Worse, our efforts to deal with guilt—minimizing our mistakes, making excuses for our sin—don’t help, but only make us feel worse. What alleviates the burden of guilt?

Just one thing—God’s gift of grace. Christ’s love is undeserved and unconditional. He pardons every sin. This is the entire reason Jesus came to earth. This was his mission—to give the gift of grace! When we receive that gift, our guilt melts. Left in its place is the joy of our salvation.

Prayer before the Service

Gracious Savior, you came to seek and save the lost. We confess that guilt weighs heavily on our hearts, robbing us of peace and joy. Yet your grace lifts our burden and restores our strength. As we gather in your name, let your forgiving love fill us with the joy of salvation, so that grace overflows in thankful praise. In your name we pray. Amen.

Serving God and Us Today

Presiding Minister: Pastor Daniel Schroeder
Music Operator: Jim Brown
Audio/Visual Booth: Jim Everson
Usher: Greg Grunewald
Welcome Table: Jan Scheffler
Flowers: Pam & Carl Schueler - in honor of Carl’s birthday

The Service

Welcome

Written by German pastor August Rische in 1852 and later translated into English, "God Loves Me Dearly" arose from the 19th-century Lutheran revival movement. Its simple, child-like refrain—"He loves me dearly, He loves me dearly, He loves even me"—beautifully expresses the heart of the Gospel: that God sent his Son to free us from sin and make us his own forever.

Opening Hymn

God Loves Me Dearly
Christian Worship 583 (st. 1-4)



1 God loves me dear - ly, grants me sal -
2 I was in slav - 'ry, sin, death, and
3 He sent forth Je - sus, my dear Re -
4 Je - sus, my Sav - ior, him - self did



va - tion, God loves me dear - ly, loves e - ven me.
dark - ness; God's love was work - ing to make me free.
deem - er, he sent forth Je - sus and set me free.
of - fer; Je - sus, my Sav - ior, paid all I owed.



There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me



dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, loves e - ven me.

Stand

Confession

Matthew 28:19

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

1 John 1:8,9

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

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

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

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.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He 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.

Amen.

The confession emphasizes the themes of original and actual sins and the overriding need for the Lord's mercy.

The pastor announces forgiveness to the penitent congregation. He appeals to the sacrifice of Jesus Christ as the basis for the full and free forgiveness of sins.

Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*

Lord, have mer - cy on us.

Christ, have mer - cy on us.

Lord, have mer - cy on us. A - men.

Kyrie is the Greek word for "Lord." The Kyrie is a series of requests for the Lord's blessings. Having received the gift of the Lord's forgiveness, we now make our requests on the basis of his mercy, not our merit.

In Lutheran worship, the Gloria's text, drawn from Luke 2:14 and expanded with phrases of praise, celebrates God's glory and Christ's redemptive work. It originated in the second century.

Glory Be to God *Gloria in Excelsis*

Pastor sings the verses; All sing the refrain

Refrain



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est and
peace, peace, peace, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father. We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of God the Father: receive our prayer, receive our prayer. *Refrain*

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. *Refrain*

The Word

Ruth 2:4

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

This prayer sets the tone for the worship service by uniting the congregation in a common focus and intention. Today's prayer has been used in Christian worship since the 900's AD.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord God, forgive the wrongdoing of your people, and be gentle with us in our weakness. Deliver us from the bondage of our sin, and direct us to the path of righteousness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

Children's Devotion

First Reading

Micah 7:18-20

There is no God like the LORD. He is defined by his pardoning, forgiving grace.

¹⁸ Who is a God like you,
who pardons sin and forgives the transgression
of the remnant of his inheritance?

You do not stay angry forever
but delight to show mercy.

¹⁹ You will again have compassion on us;
you will tread our sins underfoot
and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

²⁰ You will be faithful to Jacob,
and show love to Abraham,
as you pledged on oath to our ancestors
in days long ago. (NIV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 63

The Church sings Psalm 63 in services that emphasize a saving connection to God as the most important aspect of life. The early church used this psalm in daily public prayers.

Refrain (stanza 1)



1 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive; oh, may all this
7 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive, e - ven I have



say - ing pon - der who in sin's de - lu - sions live
been for - giv - en. And when I this earth must leave,



and from God and heav - en wan - der. Here is hope for
I shall find an o - pen heav - en. Dy - ing, still to



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
him I cleave: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

¹ You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water.

² I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.

- ³ Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.**
⁴ I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.
⁵ I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.
⁶ On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night.
⁷ Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings.
⁸ I cling to you; your right hand upholds me. (NIV)

Refrain (stanza 7)

The gift of God's grace is seen most clearly in Christ's death for sinners.

Second Reading

Romans 5:6-11

⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹ Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰ For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. (NIV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

There are numerous German chorales, motets, and other compositions that set John 3:16 to music. The origin of this particular text is unknown. It first appeared in a German hymnal around 1778.

Hymn of the Day

God Loved the World So That He Gave
Christian Worship 570



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
 2 Christ is the sol - id rock of faith, who was made
 3 God would not have the sin - ner die; his Son with
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives the



Son the lost to save that all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death. All who con - fide in
 sav - ing grace is nigh. His Spir - it in the
 sins that you have done. You're jus - ti - fied by



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 him a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 Word de - clares that we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
 Je - sus' blood; bap - tized, you are a child of God.

Sermon

Luke 19:1-10

The grace that Jesus showed to Zacchaeus causes that tax collector to demonstrate the joy of his salvation.

“Jesus Seeks and Saves the Lost”

¹ Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ² A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. ³ He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

⁵ When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” ⁶ So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

⁷ All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”

⁸ But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”

⁹ Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” (NIV)

My Christian Life - Jesus Seeks and Saves the Lost //

Jesus’ mission was to give the gift of grace. When we receive that gift, our guilt melts. Left in its place is the joy of our salvation. Because Jesus sought and saved me, now I can ...

- Identify my “sycamore tree.” I’ll name one place or habit that helps me see Jesus more clearly—then I’ll use it this week (daily devotion, Bible reading, worship) to see Jesus.
- Make restitution where possible. If I’ve wronged someone, I want to restore what was lost—through apology, repayment, or reconciliation.
- Show generosity. I’ll give intentionally to help someone in need—money, time, or kindness—“the half of my goods I give to the poor” action of Zacchaeus I want to do.
- Other: _____

Stand

The Apostles' Creed is a concise statement of apostolic truths used in worship to confess faith communally. Its origins, though not directly from the apostles, reflect the early church's needs, making it a vital part of Lutheran services. This profession of faith has been used in the Christian Church for almost two thousand years.

Apostles' Creed *Credo*

**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

Prayer of the Church

Spoken by the Pastor

In offering money as an expression of worship, we are responding to God's claim on our lives and giving him a portion of what he has in fact given us.

Offering

The members of Our Redeemer have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. **If you are a guest with us this morning**, we are so happy you're here! Please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. For those who wish to give a gift, you can place an offering in the **offering plate** located near the doors where you entered church today. A plate will be there as you depart today. You may also **scan the QR code** to the right with your smartphone's camera to be re-directed to a page where you can give an offering. While the members of Our Redeemer support this ministry with their gifts, we understand that you might want to learn more about us before you choose to do the same.



Connect Card



We would greatly appreciate it, however, if you would fill out a **Welcome/Connect Card** (located in the rack in front of you) and place it in the offering plate following the service. You could also let us know you were here today by filling out a card online by **scanning the QR code** to the left.

Hymn

Chief of Sinners Though I Be *Christian Worship 578 (st. 1-4)*

Written by William McComb (1793–1873), an Irish poet and journalist, this hymn reflects the apostle Paul's confession in 1 Timothy 1:15: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst."



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, high - er than the
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part com - fort to a
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in



blood for me, died that I might live on high,
heav'n's a - bove, deep - er than the depths of sea,
wound - ed heart, peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
all to me; all my wants to him are known,



lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty, love that found me—
joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, faith and hope to
all my sor - rows are his own. Safe with him in



to the vine, I am his and he is mine!
won - drous thought— found me when I sought him not.
walk with God in the way that E - noch trod.
earth - ly strife, I a - wait the heav'n - ly life.

Prayer

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Originating in Thomas Cranmer's 1662 Book of Common Prayer, this prayer highlights Scripture's role as a source of learning, comfort, and hope, emphasizing the transformative power of God's Word.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.

The Lord's Prayer teaches us how to approach God "as dear children ask their dear Father"—boldly, with trust that he delights in hearing and answering us. See Matthew 6:9-13.

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 blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. See Numbers 6:24-26.

Blessing

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.

Amen.

Written by John Newton in the wake of his conversion from slave-trader to minister, "Amazing Grace" captures the depth of human lostness and the joy of redemption through God's grace. Its pairing with the folk tune New Britain in the United States helped transform a modest 18th-century British hymn into one of the most widely sung and recorded songs in the world, crossing cultural, racial and secular boundaries.

Closing Hymn

Amazing Grace
 Christian Worship 576



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— that
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 Word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found, was blind but now I see.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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Attendance

Sunday Morning Worship (November 2) - 39
Sunday Morning Bible Study (November 2) - 20
Wednesday Evening Bible Study (November 5) - 12

Our Redeemer News

Upcoming Bible Studies at Our Redeemer

November 9, 11:00am - Starting Point - Christianity 101
November 12, 6:30pm - Starting Point - Christianity 101
November 16, 11:00am - Starting Point - Christianity 101

Facebook Page

One of the ways that people find out about our church, and get a feel for what is happening here, is through our Facebook page. In order for us to appear in people's feeds and show up more often, please like or love pictures and videos posted and comment on them. Plus if you share a post on your feed, your family and friends will see what's happening at your church and it may spark some interest. This is another way our church does outreach to the community.



Thanksgiving Eve Bonfire Devotion

On November 26, the Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving, at 6:00-8:00pm, we will have a chili, s'mores, a bonfire, and a devotion around the fire. Plan on joining us for this night of fellowship and thanksgiving. Invite family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to this event. Pick up a S'mores box on the Welcome Table to use as an invite. Thank you to Joyce Ampe for designing those and putting them together.



Managing God's Gifts To Us

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When Jesus and his salvation become guests in our homes and hearts, there is a desire to respond by giving of our wealth. Like Zacchaeus, we don't give because Jesus commands us to, but we give generously out of love and joy for Jesus' rich grace to us. To help be kept informed of finances to carry out our ministry plans at Our Redeemer, here is the recent offerings report.

	Last Week	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Actual Offerings	\$1,495	\$1,495	\$129,292
Budgeted Offerings	\$2,600	\$2,600	\$119,022
Difference	\$1,105	\$1,105	\$10,270

This Week at Our Redeemer

Sunday	November 9	9:30am	Sunday Worship (Holy Communion)
		11:00am	Sunday Bible Hour
Monday	November 10	7:00pm	Handbells' Practice
Tuesday	November 11	10:00am	Pastors' Circuit Meeting at North Hollywood
Wednesday	November 12	9:30am	Pastor's Office Hours
		6:30pm	Starting Point/Christianity 101 Bible Study
Thursday	November 13	3:15pm	Catechism Class
Sunday	November 16	9:30am	Sunday Worship
		11:00am	Sunday Bible Hour

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and an evening devotional
under the oaks

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About Us

Our Mission

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church has been serving the Santa Barbara community since 1968. As people who have been redeemed through faith in Jesus Christ, our mission is to: **Grow** in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ; **Encourage** one another; and **Proclaim** what we have seen and heard.



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Our Ministry

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Our Church Body

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church proclaims the truth about Jesus throughout the world as a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We are united in faith and teaching with the other 1,200 plus churches of our Wisconsin Synod and 33 other church bodies around the world of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference (CELC).



Let us know you were here!

