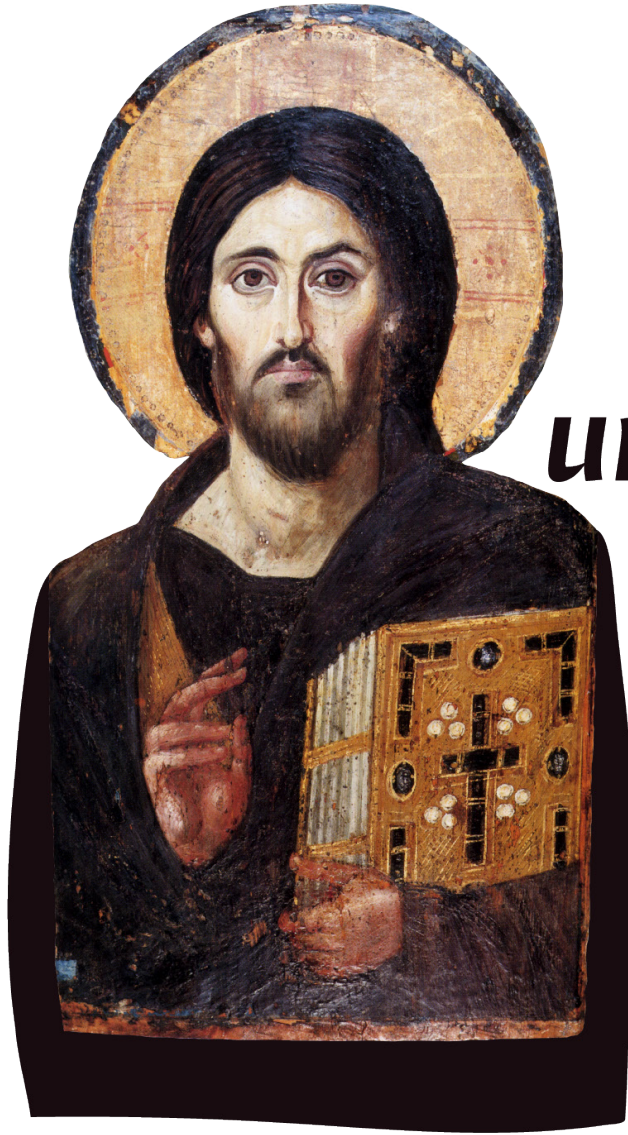




unexpected **TRUTHS**

Service Focus:

The Church is for All People

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church | Santa Barbara, California
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost | August 16, 2026



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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 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 active 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 worship 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.

Series Focus - "Unexpected Truths"

The Declaration of Independence boldly asserts that certain truths are "self-evident"—accessible to reason and widely recognized by observation. Lutherans note, however, that the Bible's most important truths are not self-evident at all. They often appear surprising, even contrary to human expectations. Biblical truth is revealed by God, not discovered by reason alone. What seems obvious to human judgment and what God reveals in Scripture are often quite different.

August 16	Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost	The Church is for All People
August 23	Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	The Son of Man is God
August 30	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Cross Comes Before Crown
September 6	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	I Am My Brother's Keeper
September 13	Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Forgiveness is for Me
September 20	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	Grace is Amazing
September 27	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Real Repentance Looks Different

Service Focus

"All are welcome!" Is that true here? Or is church only for the right heritage, the right behavior—"good church folk"? Could a stranger walk in and you'd wonder, "What's someone like that doing here?" Or maybe you ask that about yourself: "Everyone else seems godly. I'm not like them. Do I belong?" Jesus shows us the Church is for all people. Regardless of age, ethnicity, gender, or status, we share the same problem: sin. And we share the same Savior. Anyone who comes to Christ's Church crying "Lord, have mercy!" is welcome.

Prayer before the Service

Dear Jesus, you befriended the outcast and welcomed the sinner, answering the prayers of those who trusted in you. Remind me daily that when I cry to you for mercy, you welcome me back and claim me as your own. Inspire me to speak forgiveness, love, and care to those the world has left behind. Amen.

Serving God and Us Today

Presiding Minister: Pastor Daniel Schroeder
Music Operatort: Al Todd
Instrumentalist: Linka Schroeder (flute)
Audio/Visual Booth: Josh Schueler, Jim Everson
Communion Assistant: Greg Grunewald
Ushers: Lance Schroeder; Carl Schueler
Welcome Table: Joyce Ampe
Communion Setup/Cleanup: Marrissa Schueler

The Service

Welcome

Opening Hymn

Christ Is Our Cornerstone
Christian Worship 914

This hymn is from the second part of the Latin hymn “Urbs beata Ierusalem” (Jerusalem, beautiful city). It seems to have been written in Spain between the sixth and eighth century, though the author is unknown. The hymn is often used at church dedications.

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.**

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

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

After his resurrection, Jesus promised that when Christians forgive each other's sins, their words are as valid and certain as his. (John 20:22,23)

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.

Glory to God in the Highest *Gloria*

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 fourth century.

The musical score is written on ten staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and half notes with some ties. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The score concludes with a double bar line and a key signature change to A major (two sharps) for the final note.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth. Lord God,
heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his

peo - ple on earth. For you a -

lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,

with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his

peo - ple on earth.

The Word

Ruth 2:4

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Gracious God, in Christ you bring people from near and far into the fellowship of your church. Open our eyes to your saving plan, and move us to embrace all who seek your salvation so that we may rejoice together at the banquet of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

*The Prayer of the Day
helps the worshipers
focus on a central
theme drawn from the
readings of the day.*

Be seated

Children's Devotion

First Reading

Isaiah 56:1,6-8

*The Lord told the world
that all God-fearing
people would have a
place in the house of
his Church.*

¹This is what the LORD says:

“Maintain justice
and do what is right,
for my salvation is close at hand
and my righteousness will soon be revealed.

⁶And foreigners who bind themselves to the LORD
to minister to him,
to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it
and who hold fast to my covenant—

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain
and give them joy in my house of prayer.

Their burnt offerings and sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house will be called
a house of prayer for all nations.”

⁸The Sovereign LORD declares—
he who gathers the exiles of Israel:
“I will gather still others to them
besides those already gathered.” (NIV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Church sings
Psalm 67 in services
that celebrate mission
work.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 67



1 O God, show us your mer - cy and bless us with your grace;
2 For you will judge the peo - ples in truth and right - eous - ness,



and cause to shine up - on us the bright - ness of your face,
your rule of per - fect jus - tice all na - tions will con - fess.



that so your way most ho - ly on earth may soon be known,
Let all the peo - ples praise you, let all the na - tions sing;



and un - to ev - 'ry peo - ple your sav - ing grace be shown.
then earth in rich a - bun - dance to us its fruit shall bring.



Let all the peo - ples praise you, let all the na - tions sing;
The Lord our God will bless us, his rich - est bless - ing send,



in ev - 'ry land let prais - es and songs of glad - ness ring.
and all cre - a - tion praise him to earth's re - mot - est end.

Stand

In the face of a test
from Jesus, a Canaan-
ite woman demon-
strates great faith in

Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

²¹ Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly."

²³ Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us."

²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."

²⁵ The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said.

²⁶ He replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.”

²⁷ “Yes it is, Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.”

²⁸ Then Jesus said to her, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed at that moment. (NIV)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

The Church’s One Foundation
Christian Worship 855 (st. 1-3)

The author of this hymn indicated that he was moved to write this hymn and eleven others, all based on the Apostles’ Creed. This hymn was written on the ninth article or section of the Creed, “The Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints.”

Sermon

Ephesians 2:13-22

*Christ takes foreigners
and strangers and
builds them into a holy
temple, his Church.*

“One New People in Christ: The End of the Walls”

¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵ by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. ¹⁷ He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. (NIV)

Stand

My Christian Life – One New People in Christ: The End of the Walls //

Jesus tore down the wall between God and me, paying with his own blood so this far-off sinner could be forgiven, welcomed, and made family forever. In thanks, I can ...

- ☐ Name one wall. I'll write down one person or group I've quietly filed as "far off" and confess that to God before I do anything else.
- ☐ Make the first move toward one estranged relationship. I'll text, call, or sit down face to face with someone I've been avoiding, without waiting for them to earn it back.
- ☐ Speak one word of welcome to a visitor or newcomer. Whether at church, work, or my neighborhood, I'll be the person who makes a stranger feel like family instead of an outsider.
- ☐ Other: _____

Stand

Tracing its roots back to 325 AD, Christians composed the Nicene Creed in the fourth century to defend the Bible's teachings that both Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are true God, equal to the Father in one eternal, undivided Trinity.

Nicene Creed *Credo*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Adult Confirmation

Prayer of the Church

Spoken by the Pastor

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 this morning**, we are so glad you're here! Please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. If you'd like to give, you may place a gift in the offering plate near the doors or **scan the QR code** to the right with your smartphone. We understand you may want to learn more about us first, and that's completely okay.



After hearing God's holy Word, the congregation gathers its offerings of thanks. We place our offerings on the Lord's altar to be used for his work here in our congregation and through our church body.

Connect Card



We would love it if you'd fill out a Welcome/Connect Card (located in the rack in front of you) and place it in the offering plate after the service — or scan the QR code to the left to connect with us online.

Stand

The Sacrament

Our Redeemer practices close communion. We ask, therefore, that only members of this congregation and our fellowship (the Wisconsin Synod) partake of the sacrament. If you are a member of another Lutheran denomination or Christian church and would like to commune with us in the future, please speak with our pastor after the service and he would be delighted to explain what that entails.

The Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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 promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

This dialogue (also known as the "preface") leads into the heart of the Sacrament portion of the service. In its exalted sentences we have the oldest and least changed part of the liturgy. There is evidence of its use in the 200's A.D.

"Sanctus" means "holy."

Used possibly as early as the second century, this canticle was in wide use among Christians in worship by the fourteenth century.

Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
God of might. Heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
san - na in the high - est!

All of our requests, all of prayers, all of our needs are summed up in the prayer that our Savior, Jesus Christ, taught us to pray. See Matthew 6:9-13.

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.

As he speaks the Words of Institution, the minister both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use. The sign of the cross reminds us of Christ's death.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

*Jesus is God's Lamb
(Agnus Dei), who was
offered as a sacrifice
for sin once for all.
See John 1:29 and
Isaiah 53:7.*

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

Be seated

Distribution

For the distribution, at the direction of the usher, please proceed to the outside aisle of your side of the church. The baptismal font side will proceed first, front to back. The pulpit side will then follow, front to back. Come to the front of church in groups of about 8 people. We offer both the individual and common cup. Individual cups will be offered first, then the common cup. After your

group is dismissed, proceed to the center aisle, dispose of the cup in the basket, and return to your seat.

Questions for Self-Examination before Communion

- Am I sorry for my sins?
- Do I trust Jesus as my Savior?
- Do I believe Jesus' body and blood are truly present to assure me of forgiveness?
- Do I intend, with God's help, to live a more God-pleasing life?

Closing Prayer

Psalm 136:1

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

1 Corinthians 11:26

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to 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.

Amen.

*The minister speaks
words drawn from
Numbers chapter 6 and
God's people respond
with a single, strong
"Amen," a Hebrew word
meaning "truth."*

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.

Closing Hymn

Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head
Christian Worship 861 (st. 1,2)

This German hymn from 1700 is a prayer for Christ to guard his church in unity, peace, and faithfulness to his Word. It confesses that the church belongs to Christ alone, who purchased and preserves his people.

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Attendance

Sunday Worship (August 9) - 53

Our Redeemer News

Upcoming Bible Studies at Our Redeemer

Sunday Bible Study - August 23, 11:00am - "Lessons in from the Lives of Powerful Politicians"

Wednesday Evening Bible Study - September 9, 7:00pm - "Colossians: Christ Reigns Supreme"

Thursday evening Starting Point/Christianity 101 will be on August 27, 6:30pm. [New Session Begins]

Adult Confirmation

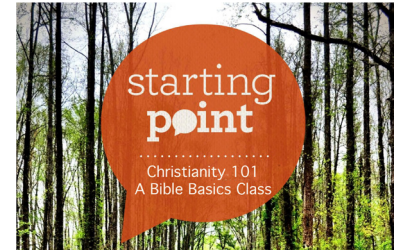
This morning in our worship we will have the Adult Confirmation of Jay and Michelle Chi. The Chis recently completed our Starting Point/Christianity 101 classes. We welcome them to our Our Redeemer family and pray that we will be a blessing to them and their children Abigail and Naomi!

New Starting Point - Christianity 101 Course Beginning August 27

Getting back to the basics of the Bible always shores up our faith's foundation.

Beginning this week on **Thursday, August 27, at 6:30pm**, we will offer our *Starting Point - Christianity 101* course. Use this course as a review for yourself or bring along a family member or friend to introduce them to your church.

This course is also the one we have those interested in joining Our Redeemer to check out what our church teaches and to get questions answered. We hope you can join us!



Managing God's Gifts to Us

Wouldn't we be discouraged if only some Christians received God's blessings, while others in the congregation suffered? Thanks be to God, that's not the case. There are varieties of gifts given by the Spirit, but he withholds them from no one. Nor does God's grace fall only on the deserving — it's free to all, especially sinners. Because he loves us, God gave his best gift, Christ Jesus, to die for our sins. It's this grace we acknowledge as stewards, responding in thanksgiving with offerings of self. 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	\$8,640	\$9,940	\$119,603
Budgeted Offerings	\$3,124	\$6,248	\$100,482
Difference	\$5,516	\$3,692	\$19,121

This Week at Our Redeemer

Sunday	August 16	9:30am	Sunday Worship (Lord's Supper)
Tuesday	August 18	7:00pm	Outreach Team Meeting
Thursday	August 20	11:00am	Starting Point/Christianity 101 (Individual)
Sunday	August 23	9:30am	Sunday Worship
		11:00am	Sunday Bible Study (New Series Begins!)
			Connect Group Planning Forms Due

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

Sunday Worship: 9:30am
Sunday Online Broadcast available at our YouTube channel
Bible Studies: Sundays at 11:00am; Wednesdays at 7:00pm (both resume in August)
Starting Point/Christianity 101 classes: Thursdays at 6:30pm (resumes in August)

Our Pastor

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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!

