

REDEMPTION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Christian Education Sunday



Let the little children
come to me

LUKE 18:16

WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.



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Pre-Service Meditation:

Luke 18:17 ¹⁷Amen I tell you: Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, You have chosen the child-like hearts to receive the truth of Your Word and to possess Your eternal kingdom. Create in us, such childlike faith, so that we might look to You for all our needs. Do not turn us away, but tenderly invite us into Your fold. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. Amen.

Service of the Word

Opening Hymn

TLH 648 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

Invocation

- P** In the Name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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- P** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.
- C** Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.
- P** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.
- C** Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



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



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
 Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray. . .
- . . . through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Old Testament Lesson: Proverbs 4:1-12

¹Hear, O sons, a father's instruction, and be attentive, that you may gain insight, ² for I give you good precepts; do not forsake my teaching. ³ When I was a son with my father, tender, the only one in the sight of my mother, ⁴ he taught me and said to me, "Let your heart hold fast my words; keep my commandments, and live. ⁵ Get wisdom; get insight; do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my mouth. ⁶ Do not forsake her, and she will keep you; love her, and she will guard you. ⁷ The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom, and whatever you get, get insight. ⁸ Prize her highly,

and she will exalt you; she will honor you if you embrace her. ⁹ She will place on your head a graceful garland; she will bestow on you a beautiful crown." ¹⁰ Hear, my son, and accept my words, that the years of your life may be many. ¹¹ I have taught you the way of wisdom; I have led you in the paths of uprightness. ¹² When you walk, your step will not be hampered, and if you run, you will not stumble.

Psalm of the Day Psalm 130 (selected verses)

- P** Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!
- C** O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!
- P** If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?
- C** But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.
- P** I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;
- C** my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning,
- P** O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.
- C** And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Epistle Lesson

2 Timothy 3:14-17

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Gospel Lesson:

Luke 18:15-17

¹⁵People were bringing even their babies to Jesus, so that he would touch them. When the disciples saw this, they began to rebuke them. ¹⁶But Jesus invited them, saying, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God

belongs to such as these. ¹⁷Amen I tell you: Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”

Confession of Faith:

Nicene Creed

☩ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn:

WS 753 Let the Children Come to Me

Sermon:

Luke 18:15-17

Let the Children Come...

Offertory:

Create in Me 🎵🎵

Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen

Hymn:

WS 785 Children of the Heavenly Father

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Communion Announcement & Distribution

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

- ☐ Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
Forever and ever. Amen

Benediction

- ☐ Amen

Hymn

TLH 552 Abide With Me vs. 1,2,6-8

Silent Prayer

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Announcements

Upcoming Events:

- **Quinn Sprengeler Retirement:** All are welcome to join us for a meal in honor of Quinn Sprengeler's retirement after the service. Quinn has served as Redemption's teacher for 29 years and has served as a teacher in the CLC for over 40. We are very thankful for his faithful dedication to bringing the Word of God to countless precious lambs of God and we wish him the best in the next vocation God has in store for him.
- **VBS:** Our VBS is scheduled for July 23rd – 26th. This is a Tuesday through Friday. Our theme this year is Eagle Express Flight 4031.

- **Convention:** Lord willing, I will be traveling to Eau Claire, WI for the CLC convention June 20th through the 23rd. If you need to get a hold of me, please text or call 507-329-2641 or contact one of the elders.
- **Mariners Game:** We have a date reserved for an outing to a Mariners game if anyone is interested. August 24th, at 1:10pm. If you would like to attend, or invite others, please let me know.
- **Sponsor a Child:** If any members are so moved, they can sponsor a child for Vacation Bible School at \$25 per child. This will help provide for costs of arts, crafts, and overall program.

Call News:

- Pastor Sam Rodebaugh of Faith Lutheran in Manchester, MO *is considering the call* to Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye, MN.

Upcoming Schedule:

Sunday June 9th Redemption Communion Service at 11:30

Sunday June 16th Redemption Sunday Service at 9

Sunday June 23rd Redemption Sunday Service at 9