# "The Time is NOW for Christian Witness"

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# REDEEMER BY THE SEA ~ "A PLACE TO KNOW AND BE KNOWN"

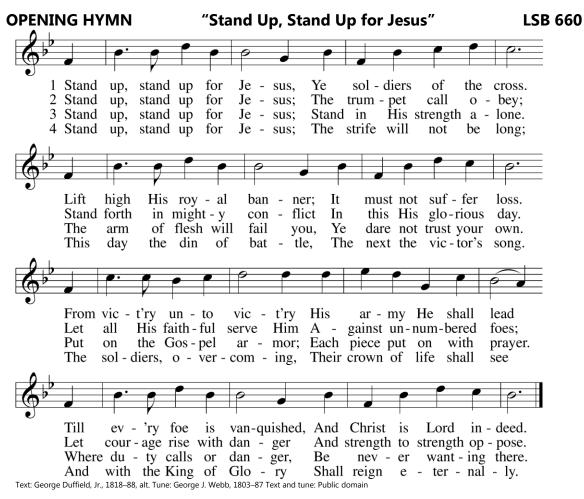
We are honored to recognize our niche in God's Kingdom work. Here we will faithfully worship and teach in alignment with God's Word and we're a small enough fellowship where you can know and be known by most of the people around you if that's your desire. Here you will be missed if you're gone and prayed for when you have needs. You are welcome to contact the office **(kay@redeemerbythesea.org)**.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

#### www.RedeemerbytheSea.org/announcements

July 4 <sup>th</sup>		Church Office Closed
July 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast
July 11 <sup>th</sup>	11:30am	Birthday Club
July 12 <sup>th</sup>		Holy Hackers Golf
July 18 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm	Women's Friday Fellowship

#### WELCOME



#### INVOCATION

- People: Amen.
- Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(silence for further personal reflection and specific confession)

#### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

- People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen
- Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ♥ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- People: Amen.

#### **RESPONSIVE PSALM**

Psalm 94:12-23

Pastor:	Blessed is the man whom you discipline, O Lord, and whom you teach out of your law,		
People:	to give him rest from days of trouble, until a pit is dug for t		
	wicked.		
Pastor:	For the Lord will not forsake his people; he will not abandon his heritage;		
People:	for justice will return to the righteous, and all the upright in heart will follow it.		
Pastor:	Who rises up for me against the wicked? Who stands up for me against evildoers?		
People:	If the Lord had not been my help, my soul would soon have lived		
-	in the land of silence.		
Pastor:	When I thought, "My foot slips," your steadfast love, O Lord, held me up.		
People:	When the cares of my heart are many, your consolations cheer my soul.		

- Pastor: Can wicked rulers be allied with you, those who frame injustice by statute?
- People: They band together against the life of the righteous and condemn the innocent to death.
- Pastor: But the Lord has become my stronghold, and my God the rock of my refuge.
- People: He will bring back on them their iniquity and wipe them out for their wickedness; the Lord our God will wipe them out.
  - All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.

# KYRIE

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

- Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- People: Lord, have mercy.
- Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

### People: Lord, have mercy.

- Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
- People: Lord, have mercy.
- Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- People: Amen.

# SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- Pastor: The Lord be with you.
- People: And also with you.
- Pastor: Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name and nourish us with all goodness that we may love and serve our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- People: Amen.



### **GREET ONE ANOTHER AND SHARE GOD'S PEACE**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Acts 9:1-19

But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.<sup>3</sup> Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. <sup>4</sup> And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" <sup>5</sup> And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.<sup>6</sup> But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."<sup>7</sup> The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one.<sup>8</sup> Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.<sup>9</sup> And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. <sup>10</sup> Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup> And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, <sup>12</sup> and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." <sup>13</sup> But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." <sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. <sup>16</sup> For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." <sup>17</sup> So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup> And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; <sup>19</sup> and taking food, he was strengthened.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

# EPISTLE READING

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup> which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, <sup>3</sup> concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup> and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup> through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, <sup>6</sup> including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

<sup>7</sup> To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>8</sup> First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. <sup>9</sup> For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you <sup>10</sup> always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. <sup>11</sup> For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— <sup>12</sup> that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. <sup>13</sup> I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles. <sup>14</sup> I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. <sup>15</sup> So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

<sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. <sup>17</sup> For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

### All: Thanks be to God.



#### HOLY GOSPEL

#### John 4:1-26

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter:People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that he was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John—<sup>2</sup> although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples. <sup>3</sup> So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee.

<sup>4</sup> Now he had to go through Samaria. <sup>5</sup> So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup> When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

<sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

<sup>11</sup> "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

<sup>13</sup> Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

<sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup> He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

<sup>17</sup> "I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. <sup>18</sup> The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

<sup>19</sup> "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

<sup>21</sup> "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

<sup>25</sup> The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

<sup>26</sup> Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

# APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence 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.



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#### MESSAGE

### "The Time is Now for Christian Witness"

Rev. Dr. John Fiene

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: (concluding each petition) Lord in your mercy,

People: Lord, have mercy.

#### THE 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**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.The Lord look upon you with favor and ♥ give you peace.

People: Amen.



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#### SENDING

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord with joy; People: Thanks be to God!

#### POSTLUDE

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**OFFERINGS**: Visitors: please consider yourselves our guests and do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. In faithful obedience and joyful response to God's grace in our lives, we humbly and gratefully bring our tithes (a regular first portion percentage of our income) and



offerings (gifts over and above our tithes for other kingdom work). You may deposit your envelope, check, or cash in the box next to the exit; give online with your phone using the QR code, or text "GIVE" to 442-222-2448. All of these options are also available on our website: www.redeemerbythesea.org/donate/

**CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE:** Our call committee is prayerfully preparing to receive candidate materials from the district office and begin the process of discernment. Once we receive them, we'll review the submissions and thoughtfully narrow the list to those we'll invite for a first round of Zoom interviews. This is a significant time in the life of our congregation, and we humbly ask for your continued prayers. May God's wisdom and grace guide us as we seek the pastor He has already chosen for our community.

CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. We will return to our business hours on Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

VBS MISSION PROJECT supports Operation Kid to Kid. Along with World Vision the goal is to provide warm clothes and blankets to children in North America. By partnering with clothing manufacturers, each donation is multiplied to make a true impact. Each \$5 donation can provide up to \$70 in warm clothing and blankets. To help support this mission - you can donate online - select MISSION FUNDS, and note VBS – Operation Kid to Kid in comments. You can also deliver in person to the church on Sunday. Thank you.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: SAT. July 5th from 9:00am-10:45am. Join us for a time of fellowship and men's study. Register online to RSVP and select your (optional) breakfast from Panera.

**REDEEMER BIRTHDAY CLUB** will be celebrating April, May and June birthdays on **Fri. July 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am** at Oceanside Broiler in Oceanside Harbor. In leiu of cards, a freewill donation will be collected and the recipient to be determine by the group. RSVP online so we can let the restaurant know how many will attend.

**JOB OPENING AT UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHURCH IN LA JOLLA:** University Lutheran Church La Jolla, is seeking a person part time (~20 hours/week) to fill the position of Director of Campus Outreach. The person would work from our church within walking distance of UC San Diego and on the UCSD campus. The candidate would lead and oversee religious and spiritual programming, be responsible for developing and implementing ministries that connect students with the Christian faith, provide resources for student spiritual growth, and foster a sense of community. Email Lance Becker: **lance1160@att.net** for more information.

**WELCOME REV. DR. JOHN FIENE THIS SUNDAY:** Rev. Dr. John Fiene has been a Church Planter of Grace Lutheran Church in Sandy City, Utah, and later, Advent Lutheran Church, Zionsville, Indiana. Both congregations, subsequent to their own founding, initiated successful new mission congregations. He recently served as pastor at University Lutheran Chapel on the UC campus in Boulder, CO. Pastor Fiene has served as Vice-President of the Indiana District of the LCMS and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Rocky Mountain District. He has taught on the subject of mission planting as an adjunct professor at Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, Indiana as well as various pastors' conferences. Pastor Fiene and his wife Solvieg Fiene (nie. Preus) currently live in Carlsbad and they have 4 children (3 in California) and 13 grand children.

**THANK YOU - TRUE NORTH VBS** Thank you to the 40 volunteers who made this week a success for the 50 kiddos. The snacks, games, decorations, station leaders, crew leaders and all the assistants made this week run smoothly. We could not have VBS without all of you so .... THANK YOU!

