



The
**NARROW
DOOR**
is for
YOU

Rev. Ramon Contreras

August 24, 2025 ~ 8:30am

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) with any questions or to get connected.

UPCOMING EVENTS: www.RedeemerbytheSea.org

Sept. 6th	9:00am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast
Sept. 9th	9:30am	LWM – Meeting & Program
Sept 11th	9:30am	MomCo – First Meeting
Sept 13th		Holy Hackers
Sept. 19th	5:30pm	Women Friday Fellowship
Oct. 19th	10:15am	One Combined Worship Service
	11:30am	Fall Festival

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

“Glorious Things of You Are Spoken”

LSB 648



1 Glo - rious things of you are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y
2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, Spring - ing from e -
3 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, See the cloud and
4 Sav - ior, since of Zi - on's cit - y I through grace a



of our God; He whose word can - not be bro - ken Formed you
ter - nal love, Well sup - ply your sons and daugh - ters And all
fire ap - pear For a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring, Show - ing
mem - ber am, Let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will



for His own a - bode. On the Rock of A - ges found - ed,
fear of want re - move. Who can faint while such a riv - er
that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner
glo - ry in Your name. Fad - ing are the world's vain plea - sures,



What can shake your sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's
Ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace, which like the
Light by night and shade by day, Safe they feed up -
All their boast - ed pomp and show; Sol - id joys and



walls sur - round - ed, You may smile at all your foes.
Lord, the giv - er, Nev - er fails from age to age.
on the man - na Which God gives them on their way.
last - ing trea - sures None but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt. Tune: Franz Joseph Haydn, 1732–1809 Text and tune: Public domain

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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)

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: For you who believe and trust that Jesus is God and Savior, through Him and for His sake God has heard our prayer. The Father sent His Son into our world, to die for us and to rise again that we may have new life. As a called and ordained servant of the word, and at the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I announce the grace of God unto all of you, your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C 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.



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.



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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: O Lord, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 66:18-23 (ESV)

¹⁸ "For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, ¹⁹ and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. ²⁰ And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the Lord, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the Lord, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord. ²¹ And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the Lord.

²² "For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the Lord, so shall your offspring and your name remain.

²³ From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the Lord.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

⁴In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. ⁶For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives."

⁷It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹¹For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

¹²Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, ¹³and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. ¹⁴Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; ¹⁶that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. ¹⁷For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

¹⁸For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to

Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 156



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:22-30 (ESV)

Pastor: The Gospel reading today comes from Luke chapter 13.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

²² He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. ²³ And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, ²⁴ "Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵ When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' ²⁶ Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' ²⁷ But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' ²⁸ In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. ²⁹ And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰ And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

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,

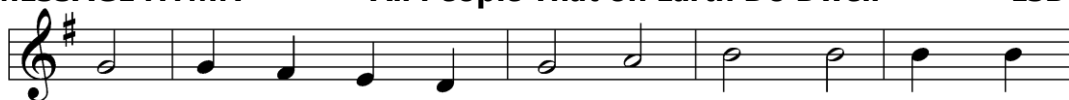
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

MESSAGE HYMN

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

LSB 791



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, Sing to the
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; With - out our
3 O en - ter then His gates with praise; Ap - proach with
4 For why? The Lord our God is good: His mer - cy
△ 5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, The God whom



Lord with cheer - ful voice. Him serve with mirth, His
aid He did us make. We are His folk, He
joy His courts un - to. Praise, laud, and bless His
is for - ev - er sure. His truth at all times
heav'n and earth a - dore, From us and from the



praise forth - tell; Come ye be - fore Him and re - joice.
doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.
name al - ways, For it is seem - ly so to do.
firm - ly stood And shall from age to age en - dure.
an - gel host Be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

Text: William Kethe, d. c. 1593, alt. Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois

Text and tune: Public domain

MESSAGE**"The Narrow Door is for You"***Rev. Ramon Contreras***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: *(concluding each petition)* Lord, in Your mercy:

People: hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER**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

CLOSING HYMN**"Today Your Mercy Calls Us"****LSB 915**

1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

Text: Oswald Allen, 1816–78, alt. Tune: Friedrich K. Anthes, 1812–after 1857 Text and tune: Public domain

SENDING

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord with joy;

People: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE “When in Our Music God Is Glorified” arr. by Matt Limbaugh

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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 at right, or text "GIVE" to 442-222-2448. All of these options are on our website:



www.redeemerbythesea.org/donate/

PROMOTION DAY – SEPT 7TH: They're moving up!! Sunday School Promotion Day will take place on **Sun. Sept. 7th** with a special celebration during Sunday School for the kids.

MOMCO STARTING SEPTEMBER 11TH AT REDEEMER: MomCo (formerly known as MOPS) encourages and equips moms of young children to realize their potential as mothers, women and leaders, in relationship with Jesus, and in partnership with Redeemer by the Sea. The first meeting will be on **Thurs. Sept. 11th at 9:30am**. Email Chase De Gain: **chasedegaine@gmail.com** for more information.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: Sat. Sept. 6th from 9:00am-10:45am. Join us for a time of fellowship and men's study. Select your optional breakfast from Panera on our website: **redeemerbythesea.org/announcements**. The order will be placed on Friday morning.

LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION: Our fall meetings/programs will begin on **Tues. Sept. 9th**. Following the business meeting at **9:30am**, Marty Acevedo, President of Parkinson's Association of San Diego, will present "Living Your Best Life", a phrase she coined to encourage others living with Parkinson's. Join us in the Fellowship Hall.

HOLY HACKERS: The next outing will be on **Sat. Sept. 13th**. We play scramble so golfers of all skill levels are welcome. Email Rhonda to play and she will secure tee times: **rhonda@redeemerbythesea.org**.

SAVE THE DATE FOR RBTS FALL FESTIVAL: On **Sun. Oct. 19th**. We will have one Combined Worship Service at 10:15am, followed by our annual Fall Festival. Activities this year include Trunk-or-Treat, a petting zoo, pony rides, inflatables, a BBQ, and more!

REDEEMER BY THE SEA PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN: With great excitement, Redeemer by the Sea Preschool and Kindergarten starts its **20th year** of operation on Aug. 26 & 27, 2025. In 2005 teachers welcomed children in the downstairs area of the church; in 2009 the doors opened on the school itself. The teachers and staff will be introduced and installed during the Oct. 19th service. We thank the congregation for their continued support. Your school board, Dan Bitner, Dave Berrier, Tanya Finnerty, Jerry Meyer, Kathy Seemann (chair)

WELCOME REV. RAMON CONTRERAS: My mom was of Dutch/Italian descent, my dad was Caribbean, and I was born in Southern Mexico in the state of Oaxaca. I went to university to get my BA in Theology and Philosophy in Mexico City, 1992-1996. I hold a Master of Sociology from International Center for Superior Studies, 1996-1999. I hold a Master of Divinity from Concordia Seminary, St Louis, MO, and a Master of Arts and Theology from Concordia University, Irvine, 2000-2004. I worked from 1997 to 1999 for the Lutheran Hour Ministries as a media and public relationships coordinator, Mexico office. From 2004 to 2009 I planted two congregations in the LA area, one in Messiah, Downey, and another bilingual, English/Spanish, Word of God (Palabra de Dios) in Maywood, CA. Since 2010 I'm the Coordinator for LBCM (Lutheran Border Concerns Ministry) where we help people in the southern of the border with both, material and spiritual, needs. Since 2015 I'm the founder and director for Bible Institute Sola Gracia Sola Fe in the border region of CA/Baja/Arizona/Sonora states. I was the district pastoral counselor for LWML (Lutheran Women Missionary League) in the Pacific Southwest District, 2017-2023. In 2021 I was awarded by Concordia University, Irvine, CA (Lutheran Church Missouri Synod) with the Christus Mundo Award.