

# Reordering our loves

Luke 14:25-35

Rev. L. Tardelli Voss | Lutheran Mission Society San Diego



## September 7, 2024 ~ 10:15am

### **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](mailto:kay@redeemerbythesea.org)) with any questions or to get connected.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS: [www.RedeemerbytheSea.org](http://www.RedeemerbytheSea.org)**

<b>Sept. 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>LWM – Meeting &amp; Program</b>
<b>Sept 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>MomCo – First Meeting</b>
<b>Sept 13<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Holy Hackers</b>
<b>Sept. 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Women Friday Fellowship</b>
<b>Oct. 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:15am</b>	<b>One Combined Worship Service</b>
	<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Fall Festival</b>

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OPENING SONG**

**"Build My Life"**

### **INVOCATION**

### **PRAYER TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **DISTRIBUTION**

**"Word of God Speak"**

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

### **GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

### **KIDZONE & RISE DISMISSAL**

### **THE OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup> If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup> But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup> I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup> I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup> loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

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Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## THE EPISTLE READING

## Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker <sup>2</sup> and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, <sup>5</sup> because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, <sup>6</sup> and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. <sup>7</sup> For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

<sup>8</sup> Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, <sup>9</sup> yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus—<sup>10</sup> I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup> (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) <sup>12</sup> I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. <sup>13</sup> I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, <sup>14</sup> but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. <sup>15</sup> For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup> no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup> So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. <sup>18</sup> If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup> I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup> Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

<sup>21</sup> Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL READING

**Luke 14:25-35**

Pastor: The Gospel reading today comes from Luke chapter 14.

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup> "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup> For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup> saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' <sup>31</sup> Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

<sup>34</sup> "Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? <sup>35</sup> It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

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Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## MESSAGE

**"Reordering our Loves"**

*Rev. L. Tardelli Voss*

## PRAYERS

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

**People: hear our 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.**

## BLESSING

## WORSHIP | GROW | SERVE

**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:



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**CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE:** The Call Committee is pleased to announce that we have selected the leading candidate for our next Pastor. He is currently arranging coverage to allow him to visit Redeemer. During this visit, he will meet with our Leadership Team and participate in worship services, offering members of the congregation an opportunity to meet him.

Our selection process was informed by a Pastor profile developed by the committee, incorporating our current insights, alongside materials reviewed from the previous call committee. Additionally, we reflected on feedback from our congregational survey and '*listening*' sessions.

The candidate is Rev. Eli Johannes Thomas, who serves at 2 Churches in Washington, Grace Lutheran (*Traditional*) in Longview and Christ Community (*Contemporary*) in Ridgefield and has said he loves both traditional and contemporary worship. As a colloquy into the LCMS, he brings a broad perspective on ministry beyond the Lutheran tradition. Ordained on September 29, 2013, he has been described by his current District President as contemporary, with a highly evangelical approach to ministry and mission.

**PROMOTION DAY TODAY:** They're moving up TODAY with a special celebration during Sunday School for the kids.

**LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION:** Our fall meetings/programs will begin on **Tues. Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

**NEW MEMBER CLASS COMING:** This class is for those who want to become a member at Redeemer by the Sea or want more information on the Lutheran faith. The Elders will be leading. If interested, please email: **office@redeemerbythesea.org** by **Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>**. The Elders will then work with participants to select a date and time for the class.

**MOMCO STARTING SEPTEMBER 11<sup>th</sup> 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 in the Fellowship Hall on **Thurs. Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am**. The meetings will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday each month. Email Chase De Gaine: **chasedegaine@gmail.com** for more information. Invite a friend and check it out.

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

**WOMEN'S FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP:** **Fri. Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm**. Join us at Stephanie Olivera's house for Friday Happy Hour and Bible Study with friends from RBTS. Hors'd provided, but please bring your own beverage. **RSVP** online to obtain Stephanie's address.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR RBTS FALL FESTIVAL:** On **Sun. Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>**. 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!

**TODAY, WE WELCOME REV. DR. L. TARDELLI VOSS:** Rev. Dr. L. Tardelli Voss is honored to serve Redeemer by the Sea today and is very thankful for the opportunity. He served our church in 2023 for a couple of Sundays in Pastor Dennis' absence and is glad to return, especially in this season of transition. A native of Brazil, he has been a Lutheran pastor for 21 years (Northwest Arkansas 9 years, Rio de Janeiro 9 years, and in San Diego since February 2023). He currently serves as Missionary Director for the Lutheran Mission Society San Diego, an organization that seeks to serve every LCMS congregation in San Diego County and Tijuana (including, hopefully, Redeemer by the Sea). You can learn more at [sdlutherans.org](https://sdlutherans.org), on social media, or by talking directly with Pastor Voss. Email: [tvoss@sdlutherans.org](mailto:tvoss@sdlutherans.org) | Phone: **858-305-1990**.

This week's altar flowers have been donated by Rev. Dr. Joseph B. Kennedy, Sr. and Rev. Carol Walker in celebration of Lori Batherson's birthday with appreciation for her generous and caring ministries.