



When God Feels Like My Enemy

Chaplain Ross M. Engel

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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. 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

Oct. 14 th	9:30am	LWM Business Meeting
	10:15am	Program: Strengthening our Military Families
Oct. 17 th	5:30pm	Women's Friday Fellowship
Oct. 19 th	9:30am	Youth Confirmation Class
	10:15am	One Combined Worship Service
	11:30am	Fall Festival
Oct. 23 rd	9:30am	MomCo
Oct. 28 th	11:30am	Redeemer Birthday Club Lunch
Nov. 1st	9:00am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONGS

"We Believe"

"Give Thanks"

INVOCATION AND PRAYER TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE/SUNDAY SCHOOL DISMISSAL

GREET ONE ANOTHER AND SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ruth 1:1-19a (ESV)

In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ² The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³ But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴ These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, ⁵ and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶ Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. ⁷ So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. ⁸ But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹ The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. ¹⁰ And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." ¹¹ But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹² Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, ¹³ would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone

out against me.” ¹⁴ Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵ And she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” ¹⁶ But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷ Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you.” ¹⁸ And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

¹⁹ So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING

2 Timothy 2:1–13 (ESV)

You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ² and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. ³ Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴ No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. ⁵ An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶ It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷ Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, ⁹ for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; ¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

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All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 17:11-19 (ESV)

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." ¹⁴When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

People: hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG

"This I Believe"

Today's altar flowers dedicated For Jo and Ken Voertman,
as they prepare to celebrate 70 years of (mostly) wedded bliss
from John and Joan Drager, who are looking forward to 60.

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, or text "GIVE" to 442-222-2448. All of these options are also available on our **website:** [**www.redeemerbythesea.org/donate/**](http://www.redeemerbythesea.org/donate/)



CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE: We are planning for a now set visit of our top candidate, Pastor Eli Thomas. He will be in Carlsbad the weekend of November 8th-9th. The purpose of our Call Committee is to prayerfully search for the Pastor that God has already chosen for Redeemer, and this visit is to help all of us know if we are on the right path. The visit will include attendance at our worship services on November 9th, giving members a chance to meet and interact with him. He will be meeting with Redeemer leadership, and we will also take some time to introduce him to our beautiful community. Pastor Thomas is currently pastoring two Churches in Washington state, Grace Lutheran (Traditional) in Longview and Christ Community (Contemporary) in Ridgefield.

JOIN US FOR THE FALL FESTIVAL NEXT SUNDAY! Please help us be prepared with food/beverage and volunteers by **RSVPing ONLINE** for this fun event. On **Sun. Oct. 19th** we will have **one Combined Worship Service** with Preschool Teacher Installation **at 10:15am**, followed immediately by the Fall Festival. The fun includes Trunk-or-Treat, a petting zoo, pony rides, inflatables, professional photos, DJ, BBQ, & more! Costumes encouraged!

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASSES: SUN OCT 19th: Classes will be starting Sunday October 19th from 9:30am-10:15am and will complete in May. For any questions, or if you would like to join, please reach out to Paul Oien or the church office at [**office@redeemerbythesea.org**](mailto:office@redeemerbythesea.org)

LWM MEETING AND PROGRAM ON OCT. 14TH: The next business meeting for Lutheran Women in Mission will be on **Tues. Oct. 14th at 9:30am**. Following the meeting at **10:15am**, our speaker will be Samantha Holt, Executive Director of The Armed Services YMCA Camp Pendleton. The YMCA's programs empower young people, improve health and well-being, and provide support, and inspire action in our communities. All are welcome to come learn more about "Strengthening Our Military Families."

WOMEN'S FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP: FRI OCT 17th at 5:30pm. Our host will be Hilda Kalaidjian for Happy Hour and Bible Study with friends from RBTS. The event will be at Amalfi-Smash Burger & More. Hot Hors'd and 1st drink is on Hilda, there is a full menu and bar to place any additional orders on your own. Please do not bring any outside beverages. RSVP Online to obtain the address & directions to the event.

MOMCO: OCT 23rd MOMCO is a great way to tackle motherhood together. The next session will be on **Thurs. Oct. 23rd**. Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall at **9:30am**. Invite a friend to join you. Email Chase De Gaine: **fellowship@redeemerbythesea.org** for more information.

REDEEMER BIRTHDAY CLUB: TUES OCT. 28th We will meet at 11:30am at Hennesey's Tavern in The Village. All are welcome! We will be celebrating July, August and September birthdays. Please RSVP Online so we can make a reservation.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Would you like to bless our Sanctuary with the beauty of flowers? Flower arrangements can be dedicated in memory, to honor a loved one, or to celebrate a noteworthy occasion.



WELCOME CHAPLAIN ROSS ENGEL was born and raised in Chicago and is a graduate of the University of Illinois, where he earned a degree in Sport and Exercise Physiology. He met his wife, Alisha, while serving as youth representatives for the Northern Illinois District LCMS in 2001, and they married in 2005. After receiving his Master of Divinity from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis (2006), Ross served congregations in Florida – first as Associate Pastor for Youth and Family

Ministry at Holy Trinity in Land O' Lakes, then for 11 years as Senior Pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Middleburg. A Navy Chaplain since 2004, Ross entered active duty in 2021. He has served with 4th Assault Amphibian Battalion in Jacksonville, FL, Destroyer Squadron 21 in San Diego and as Command Chaplain for Combat Logistics Battalion 5. He currently serves as Command Chaplain for 1st Medical and 1st Dental Battalions at Camp Pendleton. Ross also co-hosts the "Ringside Preachers" podcast, which explores faith, culture, and the unexpected places they meet. He and Alisha have four children: Abigail (14), Eliana (12), James (9), and Savannah (5).

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