



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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

LSB 790



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -
prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.
peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–80; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Tune: Ander Theil Des Erneuernten Gesang-Buchs, 1665, Stralsund 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: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(a few moments of silence for specific confession and personal reflection)

Pastor: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

People: Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

LSB 186



☐ Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

KYRIE

LSB 186



☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



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

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name; 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 THE PEACE OF GOD

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.

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

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

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA**LSB 190**

Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 17:11-19 (ESV)

Pastor: The Gospel reading today comes from Luke chapter 17.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

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.

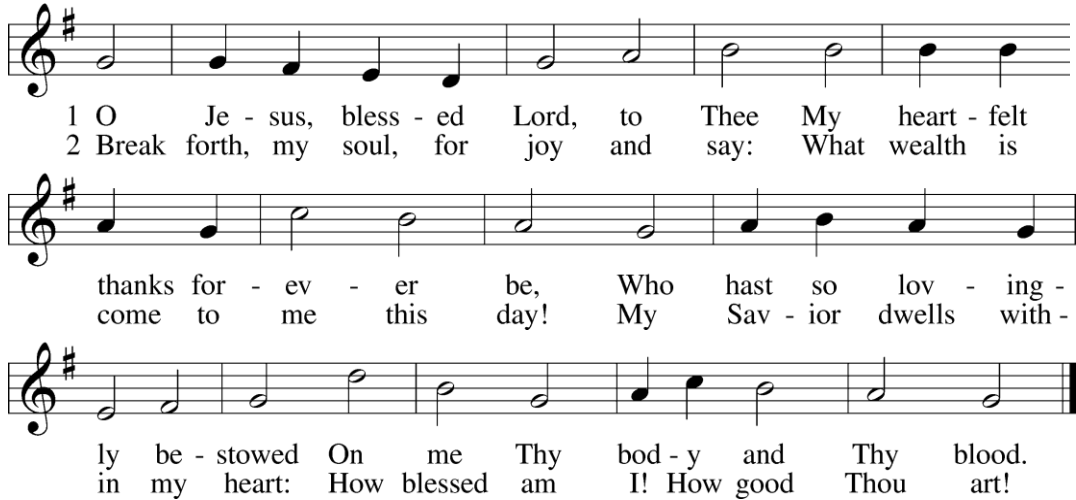
**The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE**“O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee”****LSB 632**

1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to Thee My heart - felt
2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is
thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing -
come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with -
ly be - stowed On me Thy bod - y and Thy blood.
in my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Arthur J. Mason, 1851–1928 Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois Text and tune: Public domain

MESSAGE “When God Feels Like My Enemy”

Ruth 1:1-19a (ESV)

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

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.

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.

All: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"Now Thank We All Our God"

LSB 895



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God Through all our life be near us,
△ 3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa-ther now be giv-en,



Who won-drous things has done, In whom His world re-joic-es;
With ev-er joy-ful hearts And bless-ed peace to cheer us
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high-est heav-en,



Who from our moth-ers' arms Has blest us on our way
And keep us in His grace And guide us when per-plexed
The one e-ter-nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a-dore;



With count-less gifts of love And still is ours to-day.
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev-er-more.

Text: Martin Rinckart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

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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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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 office@redeemerbythesea.org

Today's altar flowers dedicated to 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.

LWM MEETING AND PROGRAM: TUES OCT. 14TH: The next business meeting for Lutheran Women in Mission will be on **Tues. Oct. 14th at 9:30am**. Following, 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, 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).