



# “Walking in the Light”

Pastor John Fiene

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

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

<b>Dec. 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>LWM Angels on High Christmas Party</b>
<b>Dec. 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Advent Evening Prayer Service</b>
<b>Dec. 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>MomCo</b>
<b>Dec. 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:45am</b>	<b>Voter’s Meeting</b>
<b>Dec. 14<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Angel Tree Deadline</b>
<b>Dec. 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Women’s Friday Fellowship</b>



## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING

### Luther's Catechism on Baptism

**People: What benefits does Baptism give?**

Pastor: It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

**People: Which are the words and promises of God?**

Pastor: Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:16)

### OPENING SONG

### "Come Thou Fount Come Thou King"

### INTRODUCTION AND PSALM

### Psalm 8:1-9

Pastor: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.

**People: Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.**

Pastor: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

**People: what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?**

Pastor: Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

**People: You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet,**

Pastor: all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

**People: the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

Pastor: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**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.**

### PRAYER TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### DISTRIBUTION SONG

### "Here I Am to Worship"

### RISE & SUNDAY SCHOOL DISMISSAL

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

## **INTRODUCTION AND OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Isaiah 2:1-5**

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it,

<sup>3</sup>and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. <sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

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Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **INTRODUCTION AND EPISTLE READING**

**Colossians 1:15-20**

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup>For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

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Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## INTRODUCTION AND HOLY GOSPEL

**Luke 1:5-25**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter:

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

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In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. And he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. <sup>6</sup> And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord. <sup>7</sup> But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years.

<sup>8</sup> Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, <sup>9</sup> according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. <sup>10</sup> And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. <sup>11</sup> And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. <sup>12</sup> And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. <sup>13</sup> But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. <sup>14</sup> And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, <sup>15</sup> for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. <sup>16</sup> And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, <sup>17</sup> and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared."

<sup>18</sup> And Zechariah said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years." <sup>19</sup> And the angel answered him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. <sup>20</sup> And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time." <sup>21</sup> And the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they were wondering at his delay in the temple. <sup>22</sup> And when he came out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple. And he kept making signs to them and remained mute. <sup>23</sup> And when his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

<sup>24</sup> After these days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she kept herself hidden, saying, <sup>25</sup> "Thus the Lord has done for me in the days when he looked on me, to take away my reproach among people."

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Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**MESSAGE**

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**PRAYERS**

**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**

**CLOSING SONG**

**“This I Believe”**

# 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/)**



**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING UPDATE:** We're pleased to announce that the congregation unanimously voted to extend a call to Pastor Eli Thomas to be our next Pastor. The call package has been sent to Pastor Thomas and he will have time to prayerfully deliberate about what God is directing him to do. It is not uncommon for Pastors to take 30-45 days to consider a call. In the meantime, please pray for Pastor Thomas, his wife Jennifer, their children and his congregations. We trust in the Lord and in the Call Process, and we know that God in His mercy is our great provider.

**ADVENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP:** During this busy Advent season, take a moment to reflect on this special season of light by worshiping with us on **Wednesdays at 5:30pm**. The Evening Prayer Service will begin on **Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30pm** in the Sanctuary. *\*\*These services will not be live-streamed.\*\**

**VOTER'S MEETING:** Our quarterly Voter's meeting will be on **Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:45am** (in between services) in the Fellowship Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to hold our annual election of the church council. Please plan to attend and stay informed of what's happening at Redeemer by the Sea! If you have any questions, please contact Kim Glassman: [president@redeemerbythesea.org](mailto:president@redeemerbythesea.org).

**ANGEL TREE PROGRAM CONTINUES THROUGH SUN. DEC. 14<sup>TH</sup>.**

Support local military families by donating a \$25 gift card from Amazon, Target or Walmart. Gift cards can also be purchased through Redeemer online. In return, you'll receive an angel ornament with a child's name on it to pray for during the holiday season. This program helps Camp Pendleton Marines and their families in San Diego. Thank you for your generosity!



**LWM ANGELS ON HIGH CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Tue, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall! Invite a friend and come enjoy some Christmas cheer. Please bring a hot or cold appetizer to share—desserts and extra holiday treats will be provided. The evening will also include carol singing and a fun gift exchange. If you do not have a secret prayer sister, you can still exchange a gift. Bring on and indicate that it's from you (limit \$20). Invite a friend and join in this fun evening.

**WOMEN'S FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP:** Fri. Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm for Happy Hour and Bible Study with friends from RBTS. Our hostess will be Barbara Gehring. Hors d'oeuvres provided, but please bring your own beverage. RSVP online to obtain the address and directions.

**POINSETTIAS FOR OUR SANCTUARY:** Help decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas by donating a poinsettia. The cost is \$13.00 each and is available on our website. Your poinsettias may be taken home after Christmas.

**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 University of Colorado campus in Boulder, Pastor Fiene has served as Vice-President of the Indiana District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod 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 beloved wife Solvig Fiene (nie. Preus) currently live in Carlsbad and they have 4 children (three in California) and 13 grandchildren.