



May 17, 2026 ~ 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 email the office: office@redeemerbythesea.org or by text: 760-283-6567). To submit a prayer request email: prayers@redeemerbythesea.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS: www.RedeemerbytheSea.org

May 25th		Memorial Day – Church Office Closed
May 31st		Confirmation Day
June 6th	9:00am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast
June 9th	11:00am	LWM Spring into Summer Picnic
June 13th		Holy Hackers
June 14th	9:40am	Voter's Meeting
June 21st	9:45am	One Combined Worship Service – Father's Day
June 22-26		Rainforest Falls VBS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN (please rise) "Crown Him with Many Crowns" LSB 525



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,
4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.

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INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Holy and gracious Lord, the earth was made to be filled with Your glory. Despite Your love and care, we have not lived lives worthy of being called Your people.

(silence for further personal reflection and specific confession)

Pastor: Forgive our sins and shortcomings. Overcome our inability and inaction. Replace our selfish and faithless nature with hearts that glorify You.

People: O Lord, be gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Amen.

Pastor: Having accomplished the work given Him to do, Jesus Christ has paid for all of your sins, has risen for your justification, and has claimed His seat at the Father's right hand to intercede on your behalf. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CREATE IN ME

LSB 192

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: O ascended Lord Jesus, Your voice petitions Your Father on behalf of the sons of earth. Just as You pray for us, teach us to pray for faith, forgiveness, and salvation, in Your name and for the sake of the world, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE FIRST READING (please be seated)

Acts 1:1-11

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.³ After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

⁷ He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.¹¹ "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11

¹² Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. ¹⁵ If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. ¹⁶ However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. ¹⁷ For it is time for judgment to begin with God's household; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸ And, "If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"

¹⁹ So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good. ...

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

¹⁰ And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. ¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE (please rise)

LSB 205



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL READING

John 17:1-11

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

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. ²For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

⁶"I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. ⁹I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GREET ONE ANOTHER AND SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST

HYMN OF PRAISE (please be seated)

"How Shall They Hear, Who Have Not Heard"

LSB 831



1 "How shall they hear," who have not heard
2 "To all the world," to ev - 'ry place,
3 "Whom shall I send?" Who hears the call,
5 Spir - it of love, with - in us move:



News of a Lord who loved and came;
Neigh - bors and friends and far - off lands,
Con - stant in prayer, through toil and pain,
Spir - it of truth, in pow'r and come down!



Nor known His rec - on - cil - ing word,
Preach the good news of sav - ing grace;
Tell - ing of One who died for all,
So shall they hear and find and prove



Nor learned to trust a Sav - ior's name?
Go while the great com - mis - sion stands.
To bring a lost world home a - gain?
Christ is their life, their joy, their crown.

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MESSAGE

"REVERSE THE CURSE: He Never Stops Working"

Romans 8:22-28

Pastor Eli Thomas

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (please rise)

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

People: **hear our prayer.**

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.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

LSB 637



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (please rise)

Pastor: We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore you that of your mercy you would strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 199

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. 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.

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

"How Firm a Foundation"

LSB 728



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
5 "Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can He say than to you He has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne."

Text: A Selection of Hymns, 1787, London, alt. Tune: Genuine Church Music, 1832, Winchester Text and tune: Public domain

SENDING

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

"Blessed Assurance"

arr. by Marianne Kim

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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 using the QR code at right. All these options are on our website: www.redeemerbythesea.org/donate/. We are currently migrating to a new system, called Subsplash. If you have questions, or need assistance, please email Kim Glassman: om@redeemerbythesea.org.



MOTHER'S DAY WRAP-UP: Thank you to everyone who planned and helped out to make our Mother's Day event last week such a success! To download photos, please use this QR code, using the password: md26njp.



CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on **Mon., May 25th** for Memorial Day.

LIFELINE SCREENING will be at Redeemer by the Sea on **Thurs, June 4th**. 5 screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered. Register online: <https://llsa.social/HSC>, or text the word "circle" to 797979.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: Sat. June 6th at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. RSVP online and choose your optional breakfast from Panera then join us for a time of fellowship and a men's study.

2026 GRADUATES: Redeemer would like to celebrate your accomplishment with you! Please email a digital photo, your degree/certification, the institution and future plans to Kay@redeemerbythesea.org by **Mon., June 1st**. Join us in church on **June 7th** when we will recognize this year's graduates.

VOTER'S MEETING: The next quarterly voter's meeting will be on **June 14th** in the Fellowship Hall. We are having it inbetween services at approximately **9:40am**. Attend and keep up to date with what's going on at Redeemer by the Sea.

RAINFOREST FALLS VBS where kids will discover who God is and how much He loves them! Registration is now open for **kids** and **volunteers**!

Dates: June 22-26th, 9am-12pm.

\$75/child (ages 4-9) for non-Redeemer Church members.

\$25/child for Active Redeemer Sunday School children: use discount code emailed to you from Rhonda.

\$50/child (ages 10-11) for trainee - use discount Code VBSTRA at check-out.

Volunteers: once you register to volunteer online, you will receive an email with a discount code for your children.

Questions? Email Rhonda: **Missrhonda@redeemerbythesea.org.**

All registrations are non-refundable. Space is limited so register early.

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Notes
5/17/2026
He Never Stops Working
Reverse the Curse, part 5

Scripture References:

- Romans 8:22-28
- 2 Corinthians 11:23-28
- Romans 5:12,19
- 2 Corinthians 7:10

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GOD BRINGING GOD IN THE MIDST OF MY CIRCUMSTANCES:

1. Allows me to _____
2. Makes me _____
3. Uses my circumstances _____