



CHASING CARROTS

THE ENDLESS PURSUIT OF MORE

May 31, 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: 760-431-6567. Prayer requests can be emailed to: prayers@redeemerbythesea.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS: www.RedeemerbytheSea.org

June 4th		Lifeline Screening
June 6th	9:00am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast
June 9th	11:00am	LWM – Spring into Summer Picnic
June 9th & 10th	5:30pm	VBS Staff Training
June 13th		Holy Hackers
June 14th	9:40am	Voter's Meeting
June 19th	5:30pm	Women's Friday Fellowship
June 21st	9:45am	One Worship Service – Father's Day

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

“Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good”

LSB 819



1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, The au - thor of cre -
2 What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, In mer - cy He is
4 He nev - er shall for - sake His flock, His cho - sen gen - er -
5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, Give God the praise and



a - tion, The God of love who un - der - stood
keep - ing. By morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
a - tion; He is their ref - uge and their rock,
glo - ry. Let all who know His pow'r pro - claim



Our need for His sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our
His eye is nev - er sleep - ing. With - in the king - dom
Their peace and their sal - va - tion. As with a moth - er's
A - loud the won - drous sto - ry. Cast ev - 'ry i - dol



souls He fills And ev - 'ry faith - less mur - mur stills:
of His might All things are just and good and right:
ten - der hand, He leads His own, His cho - sen band:
from its throne, For God is God, and He a - lone:



To God all praise and glo - ry!
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Text: Johann Jacob Schütz, 1640–90; (sts. 1–2, 5); tr. Frances E. Cox, 1812–97, adapt.; (st. 4): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, adapt.
Tune: Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570–1615 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: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(silence for further personal reflection and specific confession)

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen

Pastor: For you who believe and trust that Jesus is God and Savior, through Him and for His sake God has heard our prayer. The Father sent His Son into our world, to die for us and to rise again that we may have new life. As a called and ordained servant of the word, and at the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I announce the grace of God unto all of you, your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen

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

You have set your glory in the heavens.

²Through the praise of children and infants

you have established a stronghold against your enemies,
to silence the foe and the avenger.

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

⁴what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?

⁵You have made them a little lower than the angels
and crowned them with glory and honor.

⁶You made them rulers over the works of your hands;
you put everything under their feet:

⁷all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild,

⁸the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

⁹Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: ...

²² "Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³ This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴ But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. ²⁵ David said about him: "'I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

²⁶ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest in hope,

²⁷ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
you will not let your holy one see decay.

²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence.'

²⁹ "Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. ³⁰ But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. ³² God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. ³³ Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. ³⁴ For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,
"'The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand
³⁵ until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.'"

³⁶ "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 156

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

Pastor: The Gospel reading today comes from Matthew chapter 28.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: 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.

GREET ONE ANOTHER AND SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST

MESSAGE HYMN

"Spread the Reign of God the Lord"

LSB 830



1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might - y Word;
2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,
3 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, Who, to save our hu - man race
4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,



Ev - 'ry - where His crea - tures call To His heav'n - ly ban - quet hall.
How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.
And to pay re - bel - lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.
Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.

Text: Jonathan Friedrich Bahnmaier, 1774–1841; tr. Composite Tune: Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch, 1704, Halle, ed. Johann A. Freylinghausen, alt. Text and tune: Public domain

MESSAGE "Chasing Comfort and Stuff- Chasing Carrots" Pastor Eli Thomas
2 Corinthians 1:3-5

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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.

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.

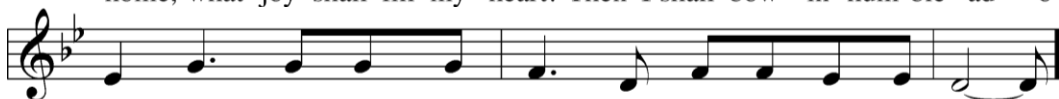
People: Amen



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
 3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y
 birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
 die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
 gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
 bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;
 ra - tion And there pro - claim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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SENDING

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord;

People: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE "Toccata on Amazing Grace" arr. by J. Christopher Pardini

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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; or give online using the QR code at right. All these options are also 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.



CELEBRATING OUR CONFIRMANDS: Today, we celebrate 4 of our youth who have completed confirmation and will make their public profession of faith this Sunday during the second service. They have studied hard over the last year and we look forward to welcoming them as confessing members of our church family. Congratulations to Charlie, Ronan, Clea and Mariana!

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.

LWM – SPRING INTO SUMMER BRUNCH: Invite a friend and join us on **June 9th at 11 am** for our Spring into Summer Brunch. Please bring a dish to share that serves 6 OR donate \$10 to help cover costs. RSVP to **Robin Zale: rtozbythesea@gmail.com** so we can set up the room. Our presenter will be Mari Erickson, President of Carlsbad Women's Club She will share "We Care about Community." Hope that you can join us.

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**. Then, 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.

ALL YOUTH EVENT: On **Sun. June 14th from 5-7pm** youth from 6th to 12th grade are invited to a gym game night. Please contact Paul Oien if you'd like to join Redeemer's group: (805) 405-0640.

FATHER'S DAY AT REDEEMER: On **Sun. June 21st**, there will be **one combined worship service at 9:45am**. Following worship at 9:45, plan to stay to celebrate the dads and father figures in our church community with Redeemer. Connect with other families over food and/or a friendly game of mini golf. Invite your family and friends to join the festivities!

RAINFOREST FALLS VBS: Have you registered? Kids will discover who God is and how much He loves them! **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 Ms. Rhonda: **Missrhonda@redeemerbythesea.org**.

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

Today's flowers have been donated by Mike Hong
in memory of his Mother GS Kang

Notes
May 31, 2026
Chasing Comfort & Stuff- Chasing Carrots part 1

Scripture References:

- Mark 10:35-37
- 2 Corinthians 1:3-5
- 1 John 2:15-17
- Deuteronomy 8:2-5

"Anything that we chase after more aggressively than we chase after God is _____" -Craig Groeschel, Lead Pastor, Life.Church

"God is most satisfied in us when we _____"
-John Piper, Founder: Desiring God.org

Jesus didn't call us to be *comfortable*- but he did call us to be

Matthew 6:24- "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. _____"

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