



REDEEMER

WINTER HAVEN

To all who are weary and desire rest, to all who mourn and long for comfort, to all who sin and need a Savior, Redeemer opens wide her doors with a welcome from King Jesus the mighty Friend of sinners, the Ally of his enemies, the Defender of the indefensible.



July 28, 2024 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Season of the Cross: Green for Ordinary Time

Ordinary Time is the long season that takes up three quarters of the church year. This portion of Ordinary Time runs between Pentecost and Advent. Ordinary Time has traditionally been devoted to seeking our Lord in the simple, ordinary day-in and day-out rhythms of life. It is a time in which we are all invited to order our lives around Christ's life and teaching.

Call to Worship: Psalm 86:8-13

We read God's Word, the Bible, together. It reminds us of who God is and what He expects from us.

Leader: There is none like you, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

People: Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name... For great is your steadfast love for me.

Song of Ascent

The first song we sing together guides us as we "go up" or approach the presence of God to worship Him. This song is meant to rouse us to worship and awaken our hearts.

All Creatures of our God and King

Reading of the Law: Romans 13:8-10

While the law cannot justify us or make us righteous; it is a teacher given to lead us to Christ, the fulfiller of the law.

8 Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9 For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

We pray together, praising God for who He really is (Adoration) and admitting our inability to live up to what He expects of us (Confession).

Song of Repentance

In this song of repentance we acknowledge our sin and our need of a Savior.

His Glory and My Good

Assurance of Pardon: John 8:12; 10:14-16; John 11:25

We read God's Word together and are reminded that grace and mercy are freely given to all who have faith in Jesus Christ.

12... "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

25 ..."I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live."

Greeting

In Jesus, we have not only been reconciled to God, we have also been reconciled to one another. Therefore, we greet one another as brothers and sisters.

Songs of Praise and Celebration

Our response to God's free grace is celebratory worship. We express our praise to God for who He is and what He has done to save us

Jesus is Alive
Behold Him

Confession of Faith: Westminster Larger Catechism 140-142

As an expression of our faith in Jesus Christ in solidarity with his people, we declare the substance of what we believe.

Q. 140. What is the eighth commandment?

A. The eighth commandment is: You shall not steal.

Q. 141. What does the eighth commandment require?

A. The eighth commandment requires us to act truthfully, faithfully, and justly in our contractual and business relationships with our fellow human beings so that we give to all what they deserve. We are to make restitution for anything we have unlawfully acquired from its rightful owner; we should give and lend freely;...we must moderate our judgment, will, and inclinations about worldly goods;...we should find something lawful to do in life and work hard at it; we should be frugal;... Finally, we must do our best, by all just and lawful means, to acquire, preserve, and increase our own and others' money and possessions.

Q. 142. What particular sins does the eighth commandment forbid?

A. In addition to failing to do what is required, the eighth commandment forbids: theft, robbery, kidnapping, and receiving stolen goods; fraud, injustice or bad faith in our contractual relationships or trust agreements; oppression, extortion, bribery, harassing lawsuits,... illegal work or activities, and all other unjust or sinful ways of taking, withholding, or enriching ourselves from what belongs to others; avarice; excessive attachment to or display of our worldly goods; allowing ourselves to become distracted from trusting God in the way that we acquire, maintain, and use worldly goods; envying the prosperity of others; and also laziness, extravagance, and all the other ways that needlessly jeopardize our money and possessions and defraud ourselves of the use and comfort of the things God has given us.

Worship Through Giving: Give Online at redeemerwh.org/give

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace for us in Jesus by giving generously to the work of this church and the kingdom of God.

Kids' Worship Dismissal

*Children **through fifth grade** are dismissed for kids' worship.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

We again express in prayer our gratitude to God for what he has done and ask him to continue to act for our good and the good of others in our community and the world.

Proclamation of God's Word

A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our own lives.

Matthew 7:7-14

Song of Response & Sending

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace by singing again of His goodness and greatness.

Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

Benediction

Because the hand of God's wrath was raised against Jesus, we now receive the hand of God's blessing as we are sent out to live our lives to the glory of God.

May the LORD bless you and keep you;
May the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
May the LORD turn His face toward you and give you His peace,
Both now and forevermore. Amen.

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7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. 9 Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? 11 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

12 "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets. 13 "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. 14 For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

Pg. 812 (Matthew 7:7-14 ESV)

Sermon Series: The Sermon on the Mount: Kingdom Ethics

Sermon Title: Ask and You Will Receive

Date: July 28, 2024

NOTES:



THE GOSPEL IN

John

John's Gospel is written not just to inform our minds but to inflame our hearts. Think of John's Gospel not so much as a book but as a destination. John is a tour guide of the gospel. He says to us, his readers, "You've got to see Jesus for yourself. There's so much more to Jesus, and what he's done for you, than you can possibly imagine or even hope."

Indeed, John didn't write merely to communicate trustworthy data (which he did), but to generate transforming doxology (which he does). As we meet Jesus in the text, John anticipates we will respond like the Samaritan woman whose story he shares with us: "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" To see Jesus in John's Gospel is to discover Christ and, consequently, to be changed forever.

John speaks from a firsthand encounter with Jesus. He doesn't just tell about the One who came from "the Father's side" he writes as one who felt close enough to Jesus to rest his own head against Jesus' side. This beloved disciple wants us to discover what he discovered—that from Jesus' fullness we receive "grace upon grace".

From his prologue to his epilogue, John sets out to answer two primary questions: "Who is Jesus?" and "What has Jesus come into this world to accomplish?" John fixes our eyes on Jesus himself, the very embodiment of the gospel. John begins his Gospel heralding the advent of the new creation story—positioning Jesus as the principal character and carrier of the whole narrative.

Who is Jesus? He is the promised Messiah. Why did he come? Jesus has come to give us life—abundant life, eternal life, the life of "the age to come." The gospel of God's grace is so much more than a story about life after death. It is also a story about life before death—how through Jesus' death and resurrection the kingdom of God has already arrived and has restored fallen creatures, and the fallen creation, to their right relationship with the Lord of life. And one day this kingdom will arrive in fullness, eradicating all remaining sin and sadness. With John, we will discover that there's not more than the gospel to bring fulfillment to our lives, just more of the gospel.

From *The Gospel Transformation Bible*,
"The Gospel in John"

Announcements

Splash Bash: Join us **Saturday, August 10, from 9:30-11:30am at Lake Eva Water Park in Haines City** for our annual Splash Bash. Come out and help us kick-off the school year. We will be reserving the entire park so please invite friends and neighbors to this event.

BUILD: BUILD is a time to gather as a church family, share a meal, and get trained in our gospel tools. We meet weekly on **Wednesday nights September 4 through September 25. Dinner begins at 5:30pm, classes begin at 6:30pm.**

- 0-2 yrs | Childcare
- Infants-PreK | Catechism
- K-5th Grade | Catechism
- Youth & Adults | Community Bible Reading, A Praying Life, Person of Jesus

Get Connected: The best way to stay up-to-date with what's happening at Redeemer is through our online newsletter (redeemerwh.org/newsletter) and our mobile app (redeemerwh.org/app).

Worship Playlists: Follow our weekly set list on Spotify and Apple Music so that you can become familiar with the songs that we'll be singing on Sundays. You can find the playlist on the "RedeemerWH" app (above) or at: (redeemerwh.org/worship).

Our Mission

Our mission is to make Jesus' invisible kingdom visible in Winter Haven, Polk County, and the world.

Church Planting

One of the ways we hope to accomplish our mission is by planting new churches throughout Polk County. We proudly partner with Renew Polk (renewpolk.org) and the Florida Church Planting Network (flchurchplanting.org).

Community Groups

We also meet during the week in homes for what we call Community Groups. They are intended to be the primary "church" experience for all who are a part of Redeemer. If you are interested in visiting a community group, contact Ashley Bennett, ashmbennett1013@gmail.com.

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2024 GOAL: \$50,000
RECEIVED: \$18,860

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