

Jesus Paid for Death

READINGS YOU'LL HEAR DURING WORSHIP SUNDAY

Old Testament Ezekiel 37:1-14

Epistle Romans 8:1-11

Gospel John 11:1-45 (46-53)

PREACHER:

Andrew Steinke, Senior Pastor

THEME:

Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. Those captured by dead religion (see also: Ezekiel 37) seek to end Christ's life (and also Lazarus' -- Jn 12:9-11) not knowing that "it is better for one man to die for the people than the whole nation perish."

- 1 What concerned Thomas?
- 2 Do you believe that Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life?
- 3 How does the world react to The Life?

Lenten Services

Murderous Eyes

Andrew Steinke, Senior Pastor

March 25, 2020

Job 24:13-17

1 John 3:11-15

Matthew 23:29-36

you belong

Welcome to worship at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church! Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, worship currently looks much different than most are accustomed to but we are still gathered as a body of believers, leaning into God's steadfast love, His mercy, and His promise of enduring faithfulness. We praise God for the modern technology that allows us access to worship even in the face of a global health crisis. The full expression of God's love for you is the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross for your sins. God sees you.

you were made to know Him

As willing participants in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we believe the only absolute truth is written in God's Word, The Bible. We believe in the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: Three Persons. The divine mystery of the Trinity is clearly taught in Scripture and acknowledged by the Christian Church since the Apostolic Age. We believe that God the Father created all things and that Jesus Christ is the Savior of the World, and that no one can believe these truths or be saved without the working of the Holy Spirit in their heart and mind. We believe that a person is given faith as a gift. Born of sin, we are unable to accept God's favor. Only He can give it. This gift is given through Baptism and strengthened through the forgiveness of sins, especially in the Lord's Supper. We believe Christ was clear when He gave the Lord's Supper to His church saying, "Take eat, this is My Body; take drink, this is My Blood poured out for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34).

Service Notes

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church is a liturgical church. This means we believe that in worship "God is providing His service for us. In the reading, the preaching, and the proclamation of His Word and in His sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion, God comes to us. In worship, God gives His grace and then we respond with thanks and praise." (from *Worshiping with Angels and Archangels*. Concordia Publishing House, 2006).

Today in our **9:00AM Blended Worship Service** we celebrate the Service of the Word using Creative Worship. The full liturgy is printed in the service folder available on our website. Following worship, a live, online Bible study with Pastor will begin at 10:00AM. (Upon the advice of Synod, we are suspending communion during the Covid 19 pandemic. We yearn for a return to face-to-face worship and the celebration of communion as a body of believers.)

Our sermon series, Jesus Paid It All, is based on the hymn of the same name. In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus told Peter to "Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." (Mark 14:38 ESV) Mark goes on to record how Peter was unable to stand by his Lord to the end, but fell away during the trial. In this hymn, the first stanza echoes Jesus' words to Peter, and the following stanzas and refrain are our prayer back to Christ, in which we repeat that we are unable to attain righteousness in our own strength, but only through Jesus' blood, shed on the cross. (hymnary.com)

Ministry Minute

The Covid 19 global pandemic has changed the landscape of our lives. The State of Wisconsin's "safer-at-home" order is now in effect and we find ourselves innovating ways to stay connected. With just two days notice, we began livestreaming our worship services and introduced daily devotions during the week.

Our school launched online learning and is compiling an ebook to enhance at-home learning. Staff and lay leadership met to begin the task of ministry planning and communication in the absence of face-to-face community. The MMC has challenged us with an online giving campaign that has already seen growth. And the family of Our Redeemer began reaching out through text, email and telephone, proving we are a community that lives generously. In the days and weeks to come, we as a church will continue to rise to the challenge of being in the community and for the community even as we socially distance. In times of upheaval and uncertainty the church will flourish when it goes about God's business, proclaiming the Gospel. We, as members of the Christian Church, offer hope to a world rocked by change. We are the church, everywhere we are.