

## The Way Home

### READINGS YOU'LL HEAR DURING WORSHIP SUNDAY

Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-6

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

### PREACHER:

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### PREPARE YOUR HEART:

We know our homes like the back of our hands. This was likely true before safer-at-home and I am finding it even more true now. So much time at home! I remember living away from home. Thinking about home carried with it a tacit memory bank of sensations. Today we honor mothers, spiritual mothers, and women of the faith. You are an important part of making ours a household of faith. More importantly, today we hear from Jesus in our Gospel lesson that He is preparing a home for us in heaven. Life in the Christian church is a foretaste of life in heaven: we banquet at a table hosted by Christ, we are in community with those redeemed by grace, and we live in ways that honor our heavenly Father. Though what is imperfectly experienced today will, in heaven, be fully realized.

- 1 How troubled is your heart?
- 2 What is Jesus preparing?
- 3 How can we know the way?

## 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 *Worshipping 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.)

## Ministry Minute

While we continue to stay safer-at-home, ministry continues! We thank those who are supporting our local businesses and have contributed to our community food banks through [orlctosa.org](http://orlctosa.org). Contributions are still being accepted and can be made through online giving, using "Memorial" and noting "Food Bank." 100% goes to our local food banks. Additionally, should you need help, please don't hesitate to ask. Our congregation is here to help! To be kept in daily prayer, submit prayer requests to [prayers@orlctosa.org](mailto:prayers@orlctosa.org); indicate "please share" if you would like your request shared publicly. We invite you to use [prayers@orlctosa.org](mailto:prayers@orlctosa.org) to stay connected as well. Grab virtual coffee with Pastor Steinke using "coffee" in the subject line. "Call me" in the subject line will prompt a friendly phone call from one of our staff or lay leaders. You are not alone! Because of Him, you belong. Please join us for daily encouragement through our website or facebook. Connect with us Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday for 9AM devotion, noon for prayer, and 6PM for family devotions. Wednesday, school chapel is held at 9AM, Noon features prayer and family time is at 6PM. Thursday Pastor Schroeder live streams a Bible study on Ephesians. We look forward to "seeing" you online!