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Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

- L: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit
- C: Amen.
- L: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

C: You free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.

Amen.

L: You belong to Christ Jesus, and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

Amen.

Gathering: Come Now, O God (ACS #902)

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.



L:	Congregation of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Saint Paul has taught us in Ephesians 4 that "it was (Jesus) who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers.
	That being said, I would like Peggy and Linda to come forward and present our Teachers and Staff for the 2025 / 2026 school year at Our Redeemer Pre School.
Peggy and Linda:	
	Introductions
L:	The Bible says, "Not many of you should presume to be teachers. Because, you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly." (James 3:1)
	In these words, we are reminded of the great responsibility which is ours in the teaching of the young here at Our Redeemer Pre School.
	To indicate your willingness to accept the joys and responsibilities of this calling, I now ask:
L:	You have been called to teach and lead in the Education Ministry at Our Redeemer Preschool. Will You commit yourself to your role as a teacher, guide, leader and to be diligent in your teaching of our future leaders.
Res	sponse by teachers, guides, leaders: We will, and we ask God to help us .
L:	Will you, the congregation of Our Redeemer, faithfully support this ministry by participating in the educational opportunities where and as you are able, and praying for the education program?
C:	We will, and we ask God to help us.

A Blessing and Prayer the teachers and staff of Our Redeemer Pre School

L: Our Lord said, "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me."

Thank you for the gift of good teachers. Thank You for men and women willing to take on the responsibility of shaping the next generation of thinkers and doers.

As the school year starts, grant them strength and courage to face what lies ahead.

Spark their imaginations with ways to reach even the most difficult learner.

When the days are long and the challenges seem too many, grant them peace.

When things go smoothly, let them see Your guiding hand and give You thanks.

When they're spending their money to make my child's learning environment more successful and enjoyable, grant them treasures in Heaven.

Please, Lord, give them the grace they need to see You in every preschooler and kinder schooler.

Help them respond to the individual needs of each child to the best of their ability.

Protect them from harm but make them brave and knowledgeable in times of crisis.

May they find strength for the journey in each smile, hug, high five, and newly learned skill.

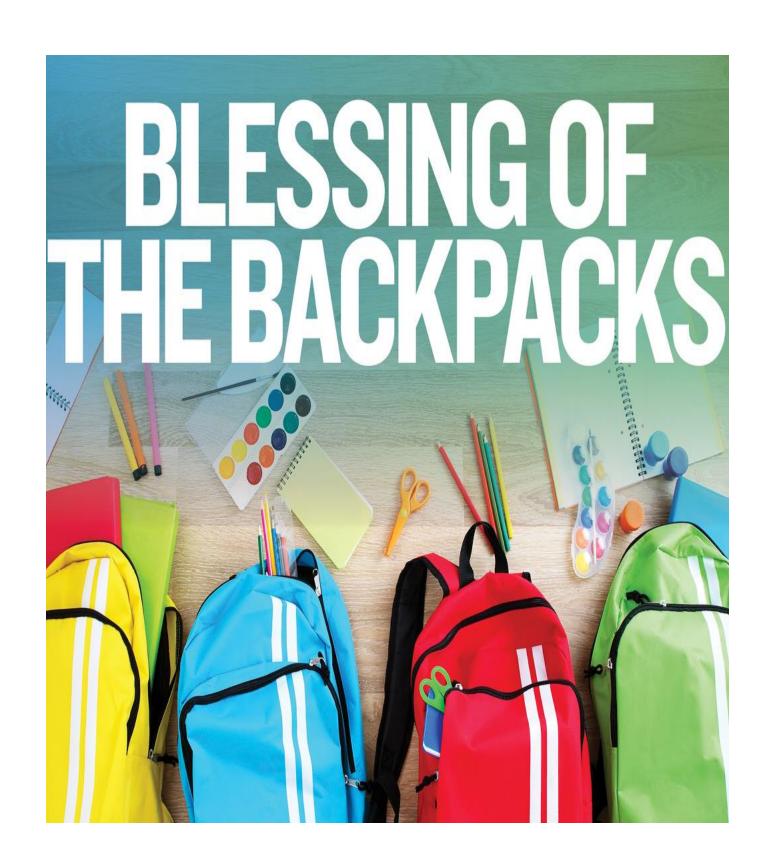
I know that their job is often a thankless and incredibly demanding one. Help me to support them the best that I can so that every child will know how much we value his/her education and the hard work of others.

Please bless the vocations of our children's teachers, administrators, and school staff. Help them truly know what a difference they make in the lives of each child they encounter.

And at the end of each day, may they find rest and replenishment to rise and do it all again tomorrow.

In Our Lord Jesus' name,

C: Amen.



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Children come forward with their Backpacks

L: How are you feeling about starting a new year at school? (Allow time for their responses.)

Thank you for being brave and sharing how you feel.

Going back to school always invites big feelings to come along with us, and those feelings can be different for everyone! Whether you're starting school for the first time, moving to a new school, or staying at the same school, we can all feel happy, nervous, scared, curious.

Sometimes, we can even feel all those feelings at the same time, and that's okay!

But did you know God is always with us?

No matter where we go and what we feel?

As we start a new year at school, I want to give you this special backpack tag so that whenever you look at it, you can remember God loves you and is always with you, no matter what.

Passing Out the Tags:

Each Tag says

This Backpack has been blessed by The Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer who loves, prays for and supports this student.

May the Lord bless you and protect you.

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:23-29

- R: ²³ Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off?
 - ²⁴ Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD.
 - ²⁵ I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed! I have dreamed!"
 - ²⁶ How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart?
 - ²⁷ They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal.
 - ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD.
 - ²⁹ Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?
- R: The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

(ELW Page 188)

Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

- L: The holy gospel according to Luke in the 12th Chapter.
- C: Glory to you, O Lord.
- L: [Jesus said:] ⁴⁹ "I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided:...
- "L: This is the gospel of the Lord
- C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon Tim Pompey

Hymn of the Day: When Pain of the World Surrounds Us

(ELW #704, vv. 1,2,4)

Prayers of Intercession.

L: Hear Us, O God,

C: Your Mercy is great.

Peace.

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Voices of Praise Ladies Ensemble

Offertory: I Really Want to Worship You, My Lord

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray.

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good, and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

- L: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- L: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy:

(ELW Page 190)

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen

Lamb of God

(ELW Page 191)

Prayer after Communion

L: Let us pray.

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table, and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

L: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Sending: Savior, When in Dust to You (ELW #601, vv. 1,2,4)

Sending

- L: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Arlin Scott is authorized to preside over Holy Communion at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer by permission of Bishop Brenda Bos of the Southwest California Synod.



†Health Concerns:

Cliff suffered a massive stroke. (Jeremy's Step dad); Sharon is dealing with MS.

† All those who do not have shelter.

† Nation and World: the end of war; for those suffering the excessive heat; for an end to gun violence.

What's happening this week at Our Redeemer

Monday, 5pm Stretch & Prayer.

Wednesday, 9am Quilting and fellowship with The Love Ladies (and gents).

Wednesday, 12pm Word & Prayer.

Saturday, 9:00 am Breakfast.

We are thankful for those helping with worship today

Worship Leader Music

Arlin Scott Tim Pompey, Jennifer Guzzo Lowry

Reader Ushers

Linda Lefler Teddy Ipock, Robin Tribbitt, Lloyd Tribbitt

We have a YouTube Page. Scan the Qr code below to re-watch a missed worship service.

Scan below to see this week's grace notes!



