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I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH & THE LIFE

— *John 14:1-14* —



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Prelude

Welcome

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called minister of word and sacrament in the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn Christ is Made the Sure Foundation ELW #645, vv. 1,2,4

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.

Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading

Acts 7:55-60

R: ⁵⁵ Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him.

⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:2-10

R: ² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

⁶ For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷ This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,”

⁸ and “A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

ACS # 33 (Lord to Whom)

Gospel

John 14:1-14

L: The Holy Gospel according to John in the 14th chapter

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

L: [Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹ “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.”

⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The

words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Tim Pompey

Hymn of the Day

O God, Who Gives Us Life

ACS #1086

Prayers of Intercession.

L: Lord in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

Sharing of the Peace.

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Offertory

We Eat the Bread of Teaching

ELW #518

Offering Prayer

L: Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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:

ACS #36

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

ACS #40 (Lamb of God)

Prayer after Communion

L: Let us pray,

O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

C: Amen.

Sending

Christ the Lord is Risen Today!

ELW #373 vv. 1-4

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you

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.



† Nancy Wagner (heart issues) (Robin's friend); Dale Dean is in a facility and not doing well; Brad (Robin's nephew); Bob suffering from depression (Donna's Brother in law); Allison Johnson (Breast cancer); Gail Tenbus; Jan Ludwig; Darcy Ludwig; The Godwin family is dealing with Larry's Parkinson's disease.

†Prayers for our nation as we face conflict in the Middle East.

†Prayers for all people affected by the war. †Prayers for our Military and their families.

What's happening this month at Our Redeemer

Mondays, 5 pm Stretch & Prayer.

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

Saturday May 9, 5 pm Dinner Church.

Saturday May 16, Quilting Saturday

Monday May 25, Preschool and Church closed for Memorial Day.

Friday, May 29 & Saturday, May 30 Southwest California Synod Assembly.

Tuesday, June 30 Red Cross Blood Drive 9 am-3 pm.

We are thankful for those helping with worship today

Worship Leader **Music**
Arlin Scott Tim Pompey, Jennifer Guzzo Lowry

Reader **Ushers**
Bruce Wilcox 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!

