

# LOSERS

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# LEADERS

FROM JUDGES TO JESUS



November 17, 2024 ~ 8:30am

**REDEEMER BY THE SEA ~ "A PLACE TO KNOW AND BE KNOWN"**

We are honored to recognize our niche in God's Kingdom work. Here we will faithfully worship and teach in alignment with God's Word and we're a small enough fellowship where you can know and be known by most of the people around you if that's your desire. Here you will be missed if you're gone and prayed for when you have needs. You are welcome to contact the office ([kay@redeemerbythesea.org](mailto:kay@redeemerbythesea.org)) or Pastor D directly ([dhilken@redeemerbythesea.org](mailto:dhilken@redeemerbythesea.org)).

**UPCOMING EVENTS: [www.RedeemerbytheSea.org](http://www.RedeemerbytheSea.org)**

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>9:45am</b>	<b>Voter's Meeting</b>
		<b>Shoeboxes due today</b>
<b>Nov. 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Chili Cook-Off &amp; Movie Night</b>
<b>Nov. 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Rescheduled LWM Service Project</b>
<b>Nov. 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Eve Worship</b>
<b>Dec. 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Decorating the Church</b>
<b>Dec. 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Men's Fellowship Breakfast</b>
<b>Dec. 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1:00pm</b>	<b>Drop N Shop</b>

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **A WORSHIP WITH SONG MEDLEY**

#### **“This is my Father’s World”**

- 1 This is my Father's world, And to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings The music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--His hand the wonders wrought.
- 2 This is my Father's world: The birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white, Declare their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.
- 3 This is my Father's world: O let me ne'er forget That though the wrong seems  
oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world: Why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!

#### **“What a Mighty God We Serve”**

What a mighty God we serve! What a mighty God we serve!  
Angels bow before Him. Heaven and earth adore Him.  
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#### **“I Love You, Lord”**

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice To worship You, oh my soul rejoice.  
Take joy my King, in what you here, May it be a sweet, sweet sound In Your ear.  
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## A TIME TO CONFESS

**All: Lord, we come to You today in need of forgiveness. Far too often, just like the people at the time of the judges, we have believed the words of the false prophets who have led us into the sins of the culture and away from the truth of You as the only true God. We have sometimes believed the words of those who have told us that Your word is not relevant to our lives today. For the sake of Jesus' suffering and death, forgive us for the lies we have believed and the behaviors we have embraced.**

Pastor: Today, again, God comes to us with truth and hope. For the believer in Christ, God shouts freedom for the captives, hope for the defenseless, new and eternal life for those who trust in the Lord, whose death for our sin paid the price for our forgiveness. Praise God for this Good news.

**People: Amen.**

## GREET ONE ANOTHER AND SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### A READING FROM JUDGES 6

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Lord, may all your enemies die like Sisera! But may those who love you rise like the sun in all its power!" Then there was peace in the land for forty years.

(6:1) The Israelites did evil in the Lord's sight. So the Lord handed them over to the Midianites for seven years. <sup>2</sup>The Midianites were so cruel that the Israelites made hiding places for themselves in the mountains, caves, and strongholds. ... <sup>7</sup> When the Israelites cried out to the Lord because of Midian, <sup>8</sup> the Lord sent a prophet to the Israelites. He said, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: I brought you up out of slavery in Egypt. <sup>9</sup> I rescued you from the Egyptians and from all who oppressed you. I drove out your enemies and gave you their land. <sup>10</sup> I told you, 'I am the Lord your God. You must not worship the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you now live.' But you have not listened to me."

<sup>11</sup> Then the angel of the Lord came and sat beneath the great tree at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash of the clan of Abiezer. Gideon son of Joash was threshing wheat at the bottom of a winepress to hide the grain from the Midianites. <sup>12</sup> The angel of the Lord appeared to him and said, "Mighty hero, the Lord is with you!"

<sup>13</sup> "Sir," Gideon replied, "if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? And where are all the miracles our ancestors told us about? Didn't they say, 'The Lord

brought us up out of Egypt'? But now the Lord has abandoned us and handed us over to the Midianites."

<sup>14</sup> Then the Lord turned to him and said, "Go with the strength you have, and rescue Israel from the Midianites. I am sending you!"

<sup>15</sup> "But Lord," Gideon replied, "how can I rescue Israel? My clan is the weakest in the whole tribe of Manasseh, and I am the least in my entire family!"

<sup>16</sup> The Lord said to him, "I will be with you. And you will destroy the Midianites as if you were fighting against one man."

<sup>17</sup> Gideon replied, "If you are truly going to help me, show me a sign to prove that it is really the Lord speaking to me. <sup>18</sup> Don't go away until I come back and bring my offering to you." He answered, "I will stay here until you return." <sup>19</sup> Gideon hurried home. He cooked a young goat, and with a basket of flour he baked some bread without yeast. Then, carrying the meat in a basket and the broth in a pot, he brought them out and presented them to the angel, who was under the great tree.

<sup>20</sup> The angel of God said to him, "Place the meat and the unleavened bread on this rock, and pour the broth over it." And Gideon did as he was told. <sup>21</sup> Then the angel of the Lord touched the meat and bread with the tip of the staff in his hand, and fire flamed up from the rock and consumed all he had brought. And the angel of the Lord disappeared. <sup>22</sup> When Gideon realized that it was the angel of the Lord, he cried out, "Oh, Sovereign Lord, I'm doomed! I have seen the angel of the Lord face to face!" <sup>23</sup> "It is all right," the Lord replied. "Do not be afraid. You will not die."

<sup>24</sup> And Gideon built an altar to the Lord there and named it Yahweh-Shalom (which means "the Lord is peace"). The altar remains in Ophrah in the land of the clan of Abiezer to this day.

<sup>25</sup> That night the Lord said to Gideon, "Take the second bull from your father's herd, the one that is seven years old. Pull down your father's altar to Baal, and cut down the Asherah pole standing beside it. <sup>26</sup> Then build an altar to the Lord your God here on this hilltop sanctuary, laying the stones carefully. Sacrifice the bull as a burnt offering on the altar, using as fuel the wood of the Asherah pole you cut down."

<sup>27</sup> So Gideon took ten of his servants and did as the Lord had commanded. But he did it at night because he was afraid of the other members of his father's household and the people of the town. <sup>28</sup> Early the next morning, as the people of the town began to stir, someone discovered that the altar of Baal had been broken down

and that the Asherah pole beside it had been cut down. In their place a new altar had been built, and on it were the remains of the bull that had been sacrificed.

<sup>29</sup> The people said to each other, "Who did this?" And after asking around and making a careful search, they learned that it was Gideon, the son of Joash. <sup>30</sup> "Bring out your son," the men of the town demanded of Joash. "He must die for destroying the altar of Baal and for cutting down the Asherah pole." <sup>31</sup> But Joash shouted to the mob that confronted him, "Why are you defending Baal? Will you argue his case? Whoever pleads his case will be put to death by morning! If Baal truly is a god, let him defend himself and destroy the one who broke down his altar!" <sup>32</sup> From then on Gideon was called Jerub-baal, which means "Let Baal defend himself," because he broke down Baal's altar.

<sup>33</sup> Soon afterward the armies of Midian, Amalek, and the people of the east formed an alliance against Israel and crossed the Jordan, camping in the valley of Jezreel.

<sup>34</sup> Then the Spirit of the Lord clothed Gideon with power. He blew a ram's horn as a call to arms, and the men of the clan of Abiezer came to him. <sup>35</sup> He also sent messengers throughout Manasseh, Asher, Zebulun, and Naphtali, summoning their warriors, and all of them responded.

<sup>36</sup> Then Gideon said to God, "If you are truly going to use me to rescue Israel as you promised, <sup>37</sup> prove it to me in this way. I will put a wool fleece on the threshing floor tonight. If the fleece is wet with dew in the morning but the ground is dry, then I will know that you are going to help me rescue Israel as you promised."

<sup>38</sup> And that is just what happened. When Gideon got up early the next morning, he squeezed the fleece and wrung out a whole bowlful of water. <sup>39</sup> Then Gideon said to God, "Please don't be angry with me, but let me make one more request. Let me use the fleece for one more test. This time let the fleece remain dry while the ground around it is wet with dew." <sup>40</sup> So that night God did as Gideon asked. The fleece was dry in the morning, but the ground was covered with dew.

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Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## MESSAGE

## "Gideon"

*Pastor D. R. Hilken*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: *(concluding each petition)* Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **SHARING GOD'S PEACE WITH ONE ANOTHER**

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**AGNUS DEI (You May Be Seated)**

LSB 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

**DISTRIBUTION****DISTRIBUTION HYMN****"Your Table I Approach"**

LSB 628

1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.  
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,  
Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.  
Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.

Text: Gerhard Wolter Molanus, 1633–1722; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt. Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois Text and tune: Public domain

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**Pastor:** We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore you that of your mercy you would strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

# NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 199



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**



**CLOSING HYMN****"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"****LSB 575**

1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'  
 3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me  
 4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my  
 in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly  
 then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
 ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

*Refrain*

On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.Tune: John Stainer, 1840-1901 Text and tune: Public domain

**SENDING**

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE****"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

arr. by Michael Burkhardt

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**OFFERINGS:** *Visitors: please consider yourselves our guests and do not feel obligated to participate in the offering.*

In faithful obedience and joyful response to God's grace in our lives, we humbly and gratefully bring our tithes (a regular first portion percentage of our income) and offerings (gifts over and above our tithes for other kingdom work). You may deposit your envelope, check, or cash in the box next to the exit; give online with your phone using the QR code at right or text "GIVE" to 442-222-2448. All of these options are on our website:



[www.redeemerbythesea.org/donate/](http://www.redeemerbythesea.org/donate/).

**VOTER'S MEETING – TODAY at 9:45am:** The only item on the agenda is to approve refinancing RBTS's mortgage loan. Join us in the Fellowship Hall and stay informed. For more information, contact Kim Glassman, Congregational President: [President@redeemerbythesea.org](mailto:President@redeemerbythesea.org).

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** Shoes boxes are due back TODAY. They will be delivered to a local drop off site this week. **REQUEST:** We need someone to help drop off the returned boxes. Please contact [Kerry@redeemerbythesea.org](mailto:Kerry@redeemerbythesea.org) to help. Thank you RBTS for sharing the love of Jesus to kids from all around the world.

**ANGEL TREE IN THE LOBBY:** We are thrilled to share that RBTS will once again be providing \$25 gift cards to children of active-duty Marines at Camp Pendleton. You can help make a difference by taking one or more angels from the tree in the lobby, each representing a specific child in need. *Here's what's new:* You now have several ways to sponsor a child: 1) make a check payable to RBTS, pay cash in the church lobby or purchase online and we will pick up a gift card for you. 2) Buy a \$25 gift card on your own from Amazon, Walmart or Target and return it to the church by **Sun. Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>**. The handmade Angel Ornaments are yours to keep. We sincerely thank you for your faithful service and generosity. Questions? Email [Stepholivero@san.rr.com](mailto:Stepholivero@san.rr.com).

**LIFELINE SCREENING** will be at Redeemer by the Sea on **Mon. Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>**. Register by calling toll-free 1-888-653-6441, online at <https://llsa.social/HSC>, or text the word "circle" to 797979. The church has a complimentary screening to give away. If interested email [Kerry@redeemerbythesea.org](mailto:Kerry@redeemerbythesea.org).

**CHILI COOK-OFF & MOVIE NIGHT Men, dig out your best chili recipe** to bring to our Chili Cook-off on **Tues. Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone else is welcome to bring your favorite chili fixins and place your vote for the winning Chili! Following the potluck, we will watch the movie "Unsung Hero" based on a true story about a mother's faith against all odds. Sign up online for a fun family night at Redeemer. Did we mention there is a trophy?

**LWM SERVICE PROJECT DAY RESCHEDULED:** Join on **Thurs. Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>, at 9:00am.** LWM will be creating 20 small Christmas table centerpieces to share with the clients of Solutions for Change, bringing them some holiday cheer. To make this project a success, if you have any sharp scissors and/or wire/floral clippers, please bring them along.

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: Sat. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-10:45am.** Join us for a time of fellowship and men's study. Register online select a breakfast burrito from Valerie's Tacos.

**DROP AND SHOP SERVE TEAM NEEDED:** If you are high school-aged and above, willing to give your time to the children at Drop and Shop on **Sat. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-5:30pm**, please sign up online. Contact Rhonda: **Rhonda@redeemerbythesea.org.**

**To register your children:** This is a chance for parents to do their Christmas shopping while the kids enjoy crafts, decorating cookies, playtime and a movie! Cost is \$25/child and the hours are from 1pm-5pm. Space is limited so sign up your children (ages 1-9 years old) today on our website.

**CLOTHING RECYCLING BIN:** Redeemer by the Sea is partnering with Good Use Clothing and Shoes to recycle old clothing, shoes, accessories, and linens. This family business services the bins weekly, sorts the textiles to send items either to local thrift shops, or to be reused for rags, insulation, etc. The goal is to keep textiles out of landfills and raise funds for RBTS. The bin is across from the preschool gate, so clean out your closets!

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GIDEON

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“everyone did what was right in their own eyes” ~ not evil ~ victims  
“what was evil in the sight of the Lord” ~ the prophet points to God’s word

- A) God rules regardless of your belief
- B) God rules \_\_\_\_\_ regardless of your belief
- C) Sometimes the victims are the villains
- D) People want lives to change-God wants \_\_\_\_\_ to change
- E) Repentance, not tolerance, leads to deliverance
- F) Beware of counterfeits (the force vs the dark side)
- G) Beware ~ compromise often leads to apostasy

The sin cycle: rebellion~retribution~repentance~rescue --- \_\_\_\_\_

Verse 7~ God’s Prophet --- Verse 11 ~ \_\_\_\_\_

FEAR: it’s not a sin for fear to visit~it’s a sin to put him in the guest room

PEACE is not the absence of the problem~it’s the \_\_\_\_\_ of God

Worship is the perfect starting place for peace. (vs 18)

in worship~things might not change \_\_\_\_\_

Gideon’s faith is tested and generational sin challenged (cut \_\_\_\_\_ paste)

A faith axiom: If God has already spoken ~ you don’t need a sign

How am I like Gideon? \_\_\_\_\_ ~ \_\_\_\_\_ ~ \_\_\_\_\_