

Crossing the Jordan



February 23, 2025 ~ 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) or Pastor D directly (dhilken@redeemerbythesea.org).

UPCOMING EVENTS: www.RedeemerbytheSea.org

Mar. 1st	9:00am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast
Mar. 5th	5:30pm	Ash Wednesday Worship
Mar. 8th		Holy Hackers
Mar. 11th	9:30am	LWM Business Meeting
	10:15am	"Ashes and Hearts" – Christine Vogelsang
Mar. 12th	5:30pm	Lent Family Dinner and "The Easter Experience"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, Savior, Father, as we have gathered for worship, to hear from You, to receive Your grace, to experience Your presence, and to respond with praise, we ask for hearts open to Your presence. Fill this place with Your Spirit and our souls with Your peace. Let every song, prayer, and word spoken glorify You and draw us closer in communion with You and each other. In Your holy name,

People: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“It is Well/ Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot Thou hast taught me to say

It is well it is well with my soul

It is well with my soul It is well It is well with my soul

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father!
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

O Lord haste the day When our faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound And the Lord shall descend
Even so it is well with my soul

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: This is the day which the Lord has made;

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

People: The name of the Lord is to be praised.

Pastor: Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

People: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

Pastor: Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

People: Teach me Your paths.

Pastor: Immerse us with and continue to grow us through Your truths.

People: Your Word is truth.

(silence for reflection on God's holiness and our sinfulness)

Pastor: Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and confess to you our weakness of faith and action. Far too often we have tried to live by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection. In your mercy, forgive us.

People: Lord, hear us and help us.

Pastor: We spend so much time living for this world and too little of ourselves investing in our home in heaven. Please forgive us.

People: Lord, hear us and help us.

Pastor: We ask Him to hear us and help us, but those words are more for us than for Him. He knows your heart. He knows in whom your faith rests. He has applied the life, death, and resurrection of His Son, Jesus to all who know and honor Him as their God and hope. So hear the truth. Through the lens of Christian belief, your sins are forgiven. You have peace with God who has adopted you into His eternal family, and now He invites you to His family table to receive physical assurance of His presence and what He has accomplished for you.

People: Praise to you, Lord-God, may we receive in full faith and confidence.

All: Amen and Amen

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

THE FIRST READING

Joshua 3:1-6, 14-17 (NLT)

Early the next morning Joshua and all the Israelites left Acacia Grove and arrived at the banks of the Jordan River, where they camped before crossing.² Three days later the Israelite officers went through the camp,³ giving these instructions to the people: "When you see the Levitical priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord your God, move out from your positions and follow them.⁴ Since you have never traveled this way before, they will guide you. Stay about half a mile behind them, keeping a clear distance between you and the Ark. Make sure you don't come any closer."

⁵ Then Joshua told the people, "Purify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do great wonders among you." ⁶ In the morning Joshua said to the priests, "Lift up the Ark of the Covenant and lead the people across the river." And so they started out and went ahead of the people. ...

¹⁴ So the people left their camp to cross the Jordan, and the priests who were carrying the Ark of the Covenant went ahead of them. ¹⁵ It was the harvest season, and the Jordan was overflowing its banks. But as soon as the feet of the priests who were carrying the Ark touched the water at the river's edge, ¹⁶ the water above that point began backing up a great distance away at a town called Adam, which is near Zarethan. And the water below that point flowed on to the Dead Sea until the riverbed was dry. Then all the people crossed over near the town of Jericho.

¹⁷ Meanwhile, the priests who were carrying the Ark of the Lord's Covenant stood on dry ground in the middle of the riverbed as the people passed by. They waited there until the whole nation of Israel had crossed the Jordan on dry ground.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-6 (NLT)

Pastor: The Gospel reading today comes from Matthew chapter 3.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days John the Baptist came to the Judean wilderness and began preaching. His message was, ² "Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near." ³ The prophet Isaiah was speaking about John when he said,

"He is a voice shouting in the wilderness,

'Prepare the way for the Lord's coming!

Clear the road for him!'"

⁴ John's clothes were woven from coarse camel hair, and he wore a leather belt around his waist. For food he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁵ People from Jerusalem and from all of Judea and all over the Jordan Valley went out to see and hear John. ⁶ And when they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

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.

MESSAGE HYMN

"For All the Saints"

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1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: The
 Δ 8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, Through



Who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy
 Thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; The
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 King of Glo - ry pass - es on His way.
 Sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: William W. How, 1823–97, alt. Tune: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958 Text and tune: Public domain

MESSAGE

"Crossing the Jordan"

Pastor D.R. Hilken

SENDING OF THE HILKENS

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.

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

“ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS’ NAME | TURN YOUR EYES”

All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe On this terrestrial ball
To him all majesty ascribe And crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe And crown him Lord of all.

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song And crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song And crown him Lord of all.

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.

(Slower) And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.

SENDING

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord with joy.

People: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

by John Rutter

WORSHIP | GROW | SERVE

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/

CELEBRATIONS FOR PASTOR D AND JUDY: The congregation is invited to celebrate the service of Pastor Dennis and Judy on **TODAY** between and after the church services.

You are also invited to attend a celebration mixer at the home of Roger and Terra Teat in Carlsbad on **Fri. Feb. 28th from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.** Please **RSVP online**, and the address will be emailed to you.

LWM UNDIE SUNDAY: LWM will be collecting new underwear & socks of all sizes on **TODAY** in the church lobby. Please accept our thanks for your generosity.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: **Sat. Mar. 1st** from **9:00am -10:45am**. Join us for a time of fellowship and men's study. RSVP online and (optional) select your breakfast sandwich from Inglorious Bagels.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE AND LENT FAMILY DINNERS: Lent is a season when we look at our lives in view of God's mercy toward us in the sacrifice of his Son for us on the cross. Join us for worship with communion and imposition of ashes on **March 5th at 5:30pm**. Then starting on **Wed. March 12th**, join us weekly for a family style dinner at **5:30pm**. Afterwards, we will view a segment of a video series titled "The Easter Experience", followed by an Elder-led discussion.

HOLY HACKERS: The next golf outing will be on **Sat. Mar. 8th**. We play best ball, so all levels of golfers are welcome to join. Email Rhonda: **MissRhonda@redeemerbythesea.org** to play.

LWM MEETING & PROGRAM – “Ashes and Hearts”: Join us at **10:15am** on **Tues, Mar. 11th**, right after the LWM business meeting at **9:30am**. Christine Vogelsang, an author from Escondido will present. She will also have some of her books available for purchase. *Reminder: please bring a “spa” item for our Rally Basket.*

Crossing The Jordan

February 23, 2025 - Joshua 3

A Lutheran Pastor / Sermon—sinner—forgiven

Come, Lord Jesus, _____!

The banks of the Jordan river - Joshua 3

Yahweh: "I will get you across safely. Do you _____ me?"

Lessons:

1 Keep your eyes on the guide

2 He wants you to _____
there is no enemy, God will not defeat on your behalf

#3 _____ Him means ...

Who are you when you're _____ ?

Crossing the Jordan river - dangerous flood or thick _____

Rich Mullins

“ _____ ”