



REDEEMER

WINTER HAVEN

To all who are weary and desire rest, to all who mourn and long for comfort, to all who sin and need a Savior, Redeemer opens wide her doors with a welcome from King Jesus the mighty Friend of sinners, the Ally of his enemies, the Defender of the indefensible.



August 21, 2022 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Season of the Cross: Green for Ordinary Time

Ordinary Time is the long season that takes up three quarters of the church year. This portion of Ordinary Time runs between Pentecost and Advent. Ordinary Time has traditionally been devoted to seeking our Lord in the simple, ordinary day-in and day-out rhythms of life. It is a time in which we are all invited to order our lives around Christ's life and teaching.

Call to Worship: Based on Psalm 30

We read God's Word, the Bible, together. It reminds us of who God is and what He expects from us.

Leader: Sing praises to God, O you saints, and give thanks to God's holy name!

Congregation: We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us to life!

Leader: We may cry through the night, but your joy comes with the morning.

Congregation: You hear us, O God, and you are gracious in our distress.

Leader: You turn our mourning into dancing!

Congregation: Our souls cannot be silent! O God, our Savior, we give thanks to you forever! Amen.

Song of Ascent

The first song we sing together guides us as we "go up" or approach the presence of God to worship Him. This song is meant to rouse us to worship and awaken our hearts.

Come Ye Sinners

Reading of the Law: Psalm 32:1-5

While the law cannot justify us or make us righteous; it is a teacher given to lead us to Christ, the fulfiller of the law.

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

We pray together, praising God for who He really is (Adoration) and admitting our inability to live up to what He expects of us (Confession).

Song of Repentance

In this song of repentance we acknowledge our sin and our need of a Savior.

O Come to the Altar

Assurance of Pardon: 1 Timothy 1:15-17

We read God's Word together and are reminded that grace and mercy are freely given to all who have faith in Jesus Christ.

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Greeting

In Jesus, we have not only been reconciled to God, we have also been reconciled to one another. Therefore, we greet one another as brothers and sisters.

Song of Praise and Celebration

Our response to God's free grace is celebratory worship. We express our praise to God for who He is and what He has done to save us

It Was Finished Upon the Cross
House of the Lord

Confession of Faith: First Catechism 9-13

As an expression of our faith in Jesus Christ in solidarity with his people, we declare the substance of what we believe..

Q9. What is God?

A. God is a Spirit and does not have a body like men.

Q10. Where is God?

A. God is everywhere.

Q11. Can you see God?

A. No. I cannot see God, but he always sees me.

Q12. Does God know all things?

A. Yes. Nothing can be hidden from God.

Q13. Can God do all things?

A. Yes. God can do all his holy will.

Worship Through Giving: Give Online at redeemerwh.org/give

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace for us in Jesus by giving generously to the work of this church and the kingdom of God.

Announcements & Kids' Worship Dismissal

*Children **through fifth grade** are dismissed for kids' worship.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

We again express in prayer our gratitude to God for what he has done and ask him to continue to act for our good and the good of others in our community and the world.

Proclamation of God's Word

A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our own lives.

Mark 2:1-22

Song of Response & Sending

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace by singing again of His goodness and greatness.

Jesus I Come

Benediction

Because the hand of God's wrath was raised against Jesus, we now receive the hand of God's blessing as we are sent out to live our lives to the glory of God.

May the LORD bless you and keep you;
May the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
May the LORD turn His face toward you and give you His peace,
Both now and forevermore. Amen.

Proclamation of God's Word

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And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. 2 And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. 3 And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. 4 And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. 5 And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." 6 Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, 7 "Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" 8 And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question these things in your hearts? 9 Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your bed and walk'? 10 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic— 11 "I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home." 12 And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

13 He went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. 14 And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him. 15 And as he reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. 16 And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" 17 And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

18 Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. And people came and said to him, "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" 19 And Jesus said to them, "Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. 20 The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day. 21 No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. If he does, the patch tears away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. 22 And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the wine will burst the skins—and the wine is destroyed, and so are the skins. But new wine is for fresh wineskins."

Pg. 837 (Mark 2:1-22, ESV)

Resources

R.T. France, *Mark*

Tim Keller, *King's Cross*

Sermon Series: Mark: Walk In His Way
Sermon Title: Jesus Came for Sinners
Date: August 21, 2022

I. THE LESSON

II. THE LEARNING

III. THE LIFESTYLE



THE GOSPEL IN

Revelation

Jesus Is Coming

John has built the unique application of the gospel he provides in Revelation into the very structure of the book.

The opening (Rev. 1:1–8) and closing (Rev. 22:6–21) reveal things as they are and promise that Jesus is coming soon. Then the letters to the seven churches in the world (Rev. 1:9–3:22) are matched by the concluding depiction of the church in glory in the new heaven and earth (Rev. 21:1–22:5). In the midst of his tribulation and the struggles of the churches, John is given a throne-room vision that includes Christ conquering and opening the scroll (Rev. 4:1–6:17). This is matched near the end of the book by his vision of Christ returning to conquer, set up his thousand-year kingdom, then open the scrolls for judgment (Rev. 19:11–20:15). John's vision of the sealing of the 144,000 saints and the trumpets that bring plagues (Rev. 7:1–9:21) is paralleled by his vision of the redemption of the 144,000 and the outpouring of the bowls of wrath (Rev. 14:1–19:10). John is attested as a true prophet as he eats the scroll-like Ezekiel (Rev. 10:1–11), and the churches are warned against the deception of the false prophet (Rev. 13:11–18).

The two complementary accounts of Satan's war on the church as it proclaims the gospel (Rev. 11:1–14; 12:1–13:10) frame the centerpiece of the book, in which "the kingdom of the world" becomes "the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ" at the blast of the seventh trumpet (Rev. 11:15–19). This structure proclaims that Christ is Lord, so that though Satan is persecuting the churches and though they are small and beleaguered, they will yet hold fast the word of God and testimony of Jesus, with the expectation that their patient endurance will be rewarded.

Gospel faith makes people right with God and produces gospel faithfulness, which reaps gospel reward. The book of Revelation is a triumphant vision of God's final victory over all the forces of evil in the world. This final victory is secured because of the blood of the Lamb that purifies God's people for his ultimate reign. Revelation is filled with the gracious purposes of God, to strengthen his people.

From *The Gospel Transformation Bible*,
"The Gospel in Revelation" written by James M. Hamilton Jr.

Announcements

BUILD Fall 2022: We're excited to resume BUILD this fall. We'll meet weekly on **Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30pm for a 6-week stretch between September 7 and October 12**. We will begin our first and last meetings of the spring with dinner at 5:30pm.

Seeing Jesus Lab: Sunday, August 28, from 9-9:45am in Covenant Hall Jonathan will be leading a workshop from the new ***Seeing Jesus Together (formerly CBR) Journal***. In this new devotional tool there are 3 sections: Solitude, One Another, The Weekly Church Gathering. No RSVP needed and childcare will be available.

Men's Community Bible Reading: Guys, our Community Bible Reading group has resumed on **Tuesday mornings at 6:30am** in Covenant Hall.

Get Connected: The best way to stay up-to-date with what's happening at Redeemer is through our online newsletter (redeemerwh.org/newsletter) and our mobile app (redeemerwh.org/app).

Worship Playlists: Follow our weekly set list on Spotify and Apple Music so that you can become familiar with the songs that we'll be singing on Sundays. You can find the playlist on the "RedeemerWH" app (above) or at: redeemerwh.org/RCCmusic.

Our Mission

Our mission is to make Jesus' invisible kingdom visible in Winter Haven, Polk County, and the world.

Church Planting

One of the ways we hope to accomplish our mission is by planting new churches throughout Polk County. We proudly partner with Renew Polk (renewpolk.org) and the Florida Church Planting Network (flchurchplanting.org).

Community Groups

We also meet during the week in homes for what we call Community Groups. They are intended to be the primary "church" experience for all who are a part of Redeemer. If you are interested in visiting a community group, contact Jonathan Winfree, jonathan@redeemervinterhaven.org.

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