



#Blessed

September 13, 2026 ~ 9:45am

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. Here you will be missed if you're gone and prayed for when you have needs. You are welcome to contact Redeemer by email: **office@redeemerbythesea.org** or by text: **760-283-6567** with any questions or to get connected.

UPCOMING EVENTS: www.RedeemerbytheSea.org

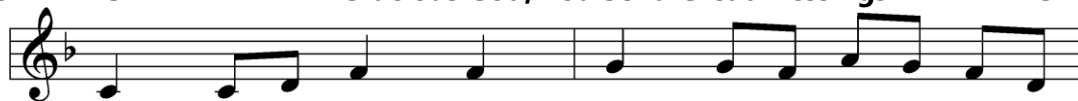
Sept. 13th	11:00	Preschool Tours/BBQ & Potluck
Sept. 18th	5:30pm	Women's Friday Fellowship
Sept. 20th		Voter's Meeting
Sept. 27th	8:15am	Traditional Worship – New Start Time
	9:20am	Bible Study – Philippians
	10:30am	Contemporary Worship – New Start Time
Oct. 1st	6:00pm	New Member Class
Oct. 3rd	9:00am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast
Oct. 13th	11:30am	Redeemer Birthday Club

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

"Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings"

LSB 782



1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings
2 By Your Word You formed cre - a - tion
3 In His earth - ly life, our Sav - ior



New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies
Filled with crea - tures large and small; As we tend that
Knew the care of faith - ful friends; May our deeds of



nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.
end - less trea - sure May our care en - cir - cle all.
ded - i - ca - tion Of - fer love that nev - er ends.

Refrain



Lord, we pray that we, Your peo-ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,



Through the shar-ing of Your bless-ings May bring glo-ry to Your name.

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SONG OF PRAISE

"My Lighthouse"

Praise Worship Team

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We confess: Father, we have neglected You and Your commandments.

People: Forgive us, Lord.

Pastor: Jesus, we have doubted Your Word and failed to display Your love to others.

People: Forgive us, Lord.

Pastor: Spirit, we have trusted our own sinful hearts rather than seeking Your truth.

People: Forgive us, Lord.

Pastor: O Triune God, look on us in mercy and make Your dwelling within us.

People: Restore us as Your rescued people to seek Your holy will. Amen.

Pastor: To save you from sin, the Father gave you His very own Son. On His cross, Jesus paid your debt and rose to declare, "because I live, you also will live." By the Spirit's power, we trust in the pardon won for us by Christ, our Lord. In the stead and by the command of Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: 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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

DISMISSAL TO KIDZONE

GREET ONE ANOTHER AND SHARE THE PEACE OF GOD

HYMN

"O Bless the Lord, My Soul"

LSB 814



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with - in me join
2 O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mer - cies lie
3 'Tis He for - gives thy sins; 'Tis He re - lieves thy pain;
4 He crowns thy life with love When ran - somed from the grave;



And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.
For - got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die!
'Tis He that heals thy sick - ness - es And makes thee young a - gain.
He that re - deemed my soul from hell Hath sov - 'reign pow'r to save.

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When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: ¹⁷ 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

¹⁸ His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said.

¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. ²¹ So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters. ²One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. ³The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. ⁴Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. ⁶Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. ⁸If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. ⁹For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. ¹¹It is written: "'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God.'"

¹²So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:1-12

Pastor: The Gospel reading today comes from John chapter 5.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them.

He said:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

⁷ Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

"#Blessed"

Pastor Eli Thomas

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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.

All: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

"The Blessing"
Praise Worship Team

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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 or on our website: **www.redeemerbythesea.org/donate/**.



VOTER'S MEETING: Next **Sun., Sept 20th**, between services (at about 9:35am) we will have our quarterly voter's meeting. The primary agenda item will be approval of the budget. Please attend and stay informed.

NEW SERVICE TIMES STARTING ON SEPT. 27TH

8:15 am Traditional Worship

10:30am Contemporary Worship

To facilitate starting a new Bible Study between services.

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY: Beginning **Sept. 27th** RBTS is launching a new Bible study. You are invited to join us Sunday mornings **between services** as Pastor Eli leads us in a journey through God's Word. Our first study will take a look at Paul's letter to the Philippians. Child care will be available. Questions? Email **Eli@redeemerbythesea.org**.

NEW MEMBER CLASS: Interested in learning more about our church and becoming part of the church family? Join the Elders and Pastor Eli **on Oct. 1st from 6:00-8:00 PM** for our upcoming New Member Class. Together, we'll discuss our church's mission, beliefs, and vision for ministry, while exploring what church membership means and how you can grow, serve, and connect within our church community.

Whether you're new to the church or have been attending for some time, this is a great opportunity to ask questions, meet church leaders, and learn more about who we are. Dinner will be provided. We'd love to have you join us!

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: Sat. Oct. 3rd at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. RSVP online and choose your optional breakfast from Panera then join us for a time of fellowship and a men's study.

REDEEMER BIRTHDAY CLUB: We will meet **Tues., Oct. 13** at 264 Fresco Italian Restaurant on Carlsbad Village Drive in Carlsbad. We will celebrate July, August and September birthdays. Please RSVP online so we can make a reservation.

NEW WEBSITE AND CHURCH APP: We launched our redesigned website and brand-new church app. Experience it now at **redeemerbythesea.org**. Put Redeemer by the Sea on your phones, TVs or tablets with our new App. Search RBTS Church in your app store.

RENOVATION UPDATE: Turf installation is finished. Rails for the new easy access ramp are being installed. Remaining fence work includes entry and exit gates, a gate for planter-area access, and a traffic-control gate at the top of the ramp. Other work includes the outside counter and restoring the slopes.

Stay tuned for ways to support this exciting project as we refresh our campus to better serve our community!

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LIGHTING THE WAY — SOMETHING IS BEGINNING. You may have caught a glimpse of something new this past Sunday. Lighting the Way is about more than what comes next for our campus—it's about what comes next for our mission. Life. Launch. Legacy. More to be revealed soon. If you want to get in on it early go to: **www.redeemerbythesea.org/lighting-the-way**.

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SERMON NOTES