

Blinded by **Discouragement**

1 Samuel 1:1-16

BLIND SPOTS

October 4, 2026 ~ 8:15am

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

At Redeemer, we gather around Jesus and God's Word in a community where people genuinely know and care for one another. Here, your presence matters. You're missed when you're gone, supported when life gets hard, and prayed for when you need it. **Come as you are. Grow in faith. Know and be known.**

You are welcome to contact the office (e-mail: office@redeemerbythesea.org or via the church text only number: 760-283-6567). To submit a prayer request: prayers@redeemerbythesea.org or via the **Connect Cards in the pew.**

UPCOMING EVENTS: www.RedeemerbytheSea.org

Today!	1:00 pm	Baptism – Simone Ulmer – Moonlight Beach
Oct. 10th		Holy Hackers Golf Outing
Oct. 11th		Pastor Appreciation Day!
Oct. 13th	9:30 am	LWM Mtg & Mission Aviation Fellowship Speaker
Oct. 16th	5:30pm	Women's Friday Fellowship
Oct. 18th	9:45am	One Combined Worship and Fall Festival
Oct. 20th	11:30am	Redeemer Birthday Club Lunch – NEW DATE
Oct. 21st	9:00 am	Preschool Chapel – Coffee/Donuts – All invited
Oct. 31st	6:30 pm	Candlelight Concerts Event (Outside Organization)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

"The Church's One Foundation"

LSB 644



1 The Church's one foun-da-tion Is Je-sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E-lect from ev-'ry na-tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der The world sees her op-pressed,
4 Through toil and trib-u-la-tion And tu-mult of her war



She is His new cre-a-tion By wa-ter and the Word.
Her char-ter of sal-va-tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
By schisms rent a-sun-der, By her-e-sies dis-tressed,
She waits the con-sum-ma-tion Of peace for-ev-er-more



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho-ly bride;
One ho-ly name she bless-es, Par-takes one ho-ly food,
Yet saints their watch are keep-ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
Till with the vi-sion glo-rious Her long-ing eyes are blest,



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
And to one hope she press-es With ev-'ry grace en-dued.
And soon the night of weep-ing Shall be the morn of song.
And the great Church vic-to-rious Shall be the Church at rest.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900, alt., Tune: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–76, Text and tune: Public domain

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(a few moments of silence for specific confession and personal reflection)

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the X Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Kyrie

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 154



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord,



You a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 5:1-7

“1I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. 2He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit. 3 “Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. 4What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? 5Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. 6 I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it.” 7 The vineyard of the Lord Almighty is the nation of Israel, and the people of Judah are the vines he delighted in. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

...though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless. 7 But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. 8 What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. 10 I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. 13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:33-46

Pastor: The Gospel reading today comes from Matthew the 21st chapter.

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

33 "Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. 34 When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit. 35 "The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. 36 Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. 37 Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said. 38 "But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance.' 39 So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. 40 "Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" 41 "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end," they replied, "and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time." 42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "'The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes' ? 43 "Therefore, I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. 44 Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed." 45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them. 46 They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

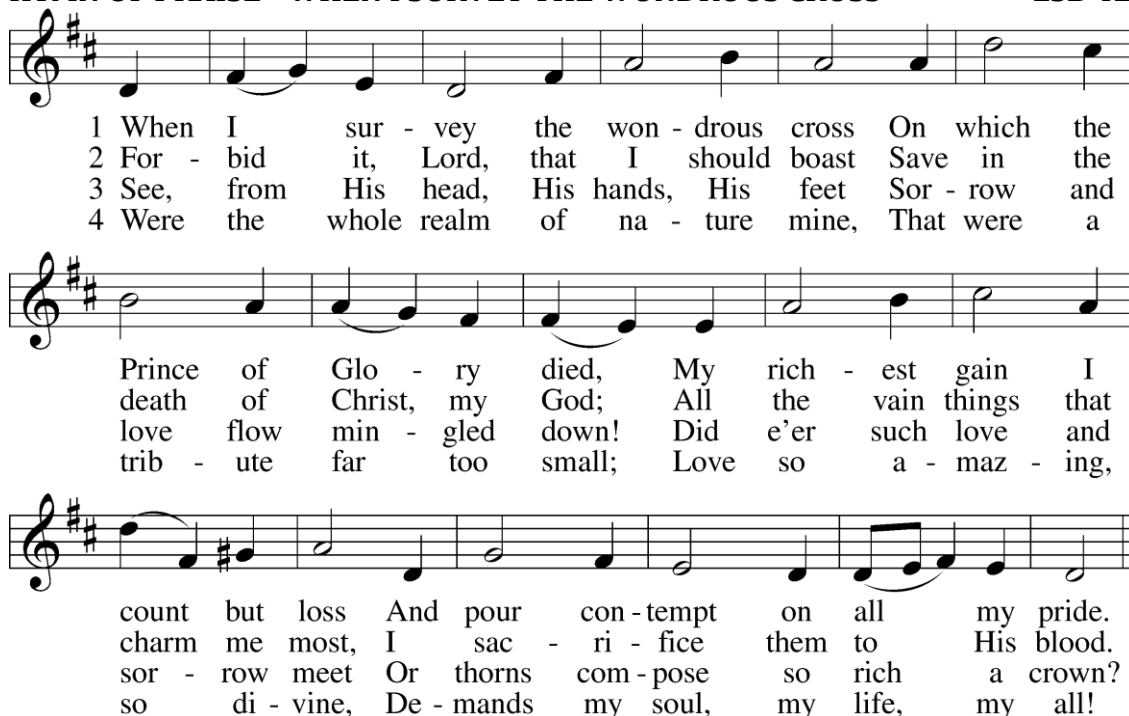
And in one Lord Jesus Christ the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GREET ONE ANOTHER AND SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST

HYMN OF PRAISE "WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS"

LSB 426



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a
 Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
 trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,
 count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
 sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

TEXT: ISAAC WATTS, 1674–1748, TUNE: SECOND SUPPLEMENT TO PSALMODY IN MINIATURE, 1778, LONDON; ADAPT. EDWARD MILLER, 1731–1807, TEXT AND TUNE: PUBLIC DOMAIN

MESSAGE

"Blinded by Discouragement"

1 Samuel 1:1-16
 Pastor Eli Thomas

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (please stand)

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.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

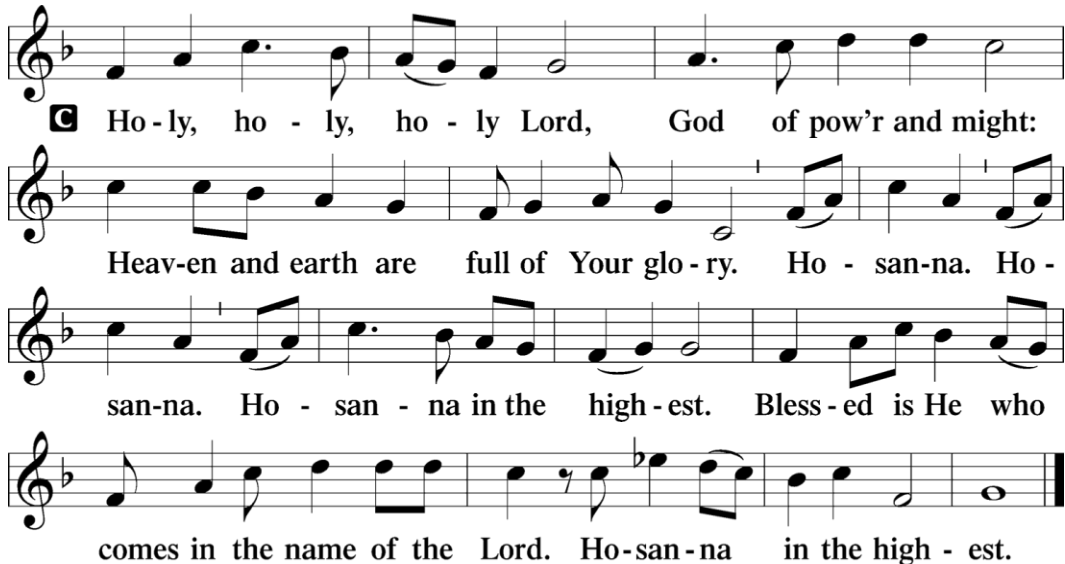
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right for us to do so.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and proper that we should give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have shown mercy to all in Christ our Redeemer, who gives peace to troubled hearts. Receive our thanks that He has a place waiting for us in heaven. Unite our praises with those of all the faithful who are around the eternal throne of Christ. United in faith and hope, grant that we join with them in the unending praise of the Lamb with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven and say:

SANCTUS LSB 161



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 163

■ Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN “Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” LSB 637
STS. 1, 3



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
 3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
 And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
 O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

TEXT: LATIN, 7TH CENT.; TR. JOHN MASON NEALE, 1818–66, ALT., TUNE: TRENTE QUATRE PSEAUMES DE DAVID, 1551, GENEVA, ED. LOUIS BOURGEOIS, TEXT AND TUNE: PUBLIC DOMAIN

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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.**

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 X give you peace.

People: **Amen.**



1 If Your be - lov - ed Son, O God, Had not to earth de -
 2 But now I find sweet peace and rest; De - spair no more reigns
 3 I trust in Him with all my heart; Now all my sor - row



scend - ed And in our mor - tal flesh and blood Had not sin's
 o'er me. No more am I by sin op - pressed, For Christ has
 ceas - es. His words a - bid - ing peace im - part; His blood from



pow - er end - ed, Then this poor, wretch - ed soul of mine In
 borne sin for me. Up - on the cross for me He died That,
 guilt re - leas - es. Free grace through Him I now ob - tain; He



hell e - ter - nal - ly would pine Be - cause of my trans - gres - sion.
 rec - on - ciled, I might a - bide With You, my God, for - ev - er.
 wash - es me from ev - 'ry stain, And pure I stand be - fore Him.

TEXT: JOHANN HEERMANN, 1585-1647; TR. THE LUTHERAN HYMNAL, 1941, ALT., TUNE: ETLICH CRISTLICH LIDER, 1524, WITTENBERG, TEXT AND TUNE: PUBLIC DOMAIN

SENDING

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

People: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

See you next Sunday!

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WORSHIP | GROW | SERVE

OFFERINGS: *Visitors, you are our guests! Please feel no obligation to give.*

For those who call Redeemer home, giving is a joyful response to God's grace and an expression of faith and gratitude. Tithes and offerings support the ministry of Redeemer and help extend Christ's love beyond our walls. Gifts may be placed in the offering box near the exit or given digitally using the QR code at the right to access the app or at redeemerbythesea.org/give.



BEACH BAPTISM INVITATION: OCT. 4TH: RBTS congregant Simone Ulmer will be baptized today, Sunday, October 4th at 1:00 pm at Moonlight Beach! Everyone is invited to come witness and celebrate this special event! Look for us on the beach in front of the snack bar/restroom facility building.

STAY CONNECTED: Use our brand-new app to put Redeemer by the Sea on your phones, TVs or tablets. Search RBTS Church in your app store. Experience our new website at redeemerbythesea.org.

LWM: TUES. OCT 13th: LWM invites you to a Speaking Engagement with Mission Aviation Fellowship on Tuesday, Oct. 13, with the LWM Meeting at 9:30 a.m. and the Program at 10:30 a.m.: Pilot and Mechanic Tim Ault will share about his career with Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) in Brazil and Africa. Women and Men are invited.

FALL FESTIVAL: OCT. 18th: RSVP NOW! Come enjoy our new outdoor patio and grass area, and share in this fun day with great food, activities & fellowship. This year we will be including a food drive in coordination with Pendleton Pantry – ensuring military families have everything they need to make ends meet. More info to follow. We appreciate a headcount for food prep, as well as need lots of help making this event a success!

Please RSVP by going to www.redeemerbythesea.org/events and clicking on the fall festival tile. Let us know how many will be attending in your family and sign up to volunteer if you can spare an hour to help run this fun event. Can't do it without you!

REDEEMER BIRTHDAY CLUB – OCT 20th: We will meet 11:30 am Tues., Oct. 20th 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.

RENOVATION UPDATE: Two months ago, we signed a contract with Pacific Coast Hardscapes to begin campus improvement renovations. In that short time, they have transformed a difficult to use space into a beautiful entertainment area, suitable for both Church and Preschool activities. This is phase one of our long term plans and was made possible by using our financial reserves. We thank God for providing us the resources and the ability to take this step, and we encourage our Congregation to embrace our efforts as we take steps to better connect with the community around us.

Future enhancements, including landscaping, will be incorporated into our new Lighting the Way Initiative. Stay tuned for more information!

LIGHTING THE WAY — WHY I SAID YES. You've heard the vision: **Life. Launch. Legacy.** Now Initiative Chair Matt Johnson shares why he said *yes* "*Lighting the Way isn't simply about projects—it's about what they make possible: growing in Christ, reaching our community, and preparing Redeemer for generations to come. That's why I said yes.*" **Together, we can make it possible. Lighting the Way. It's Time to Shine.** Go to redeemerbythesea.org/lighting-the-way for more info.

SERMON NOTES | 10-4-26
Blind Spots Part 3 | Blinded by Discouragement

Scripture References:

- 1 Samuel 1:1-18

1 Samuel 1:1- Elkanah, the father of Samuel is from _____
in the hill country of Ephraim

Elkanah had two wives- _____ &

Our decisions about God often _____

How often are we oblivious to _____

Discouragement doesn't go away because you decide to be done with it-
it goes away because

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