

SERMON NOTES

Blinded by Fear
10-11-26

Scripture References:

- Judges 6:1-15
- Luke 9:59-62

Judges 6:1- “The Israelites _____ in the eyes of the Lord.”

Gideon is _____

Gideon’s classic blunder- _____

Don’t ask “God why have you left me.” Instead ask _____

Going in the strength you have means _____

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October 11, 2026 ~ 8:15 am

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!	9:20am	Philippians Bible Study – Childcare Avail.
Oct. 11 th		Pastor Appreciation Day!
Oct. 13 th	9:30am	LWM Mtg & Mission Aviation Fellowship Speaker
Oct. 16 th	5:30pm	Women’s Friday Fellowship
Oct. 18 th	9:45am	One Combined Worship and Teacher Installation
	11:00am	Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat & Food Drive - RSVP NOW!
Oct. 20 th	11:30am	Redeemer Birthday Club Lunch
Oct. 21 st	9:00 am	Preschool Chapel – Coffee/Donuts – All Invited

See you next Sunday!

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 or at redeemerbythesea.org/give.



KIDZ ZONE NEEDS SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS: Do you have a passion for children & teaching them about Jesus? Then we have the perfect place for you. We are looking for a teacher in the Pre-K thru 2nd grade. The teaching schedule is one month on and one off. Talk to Ms. Rhonda for details.

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. **Please RSVP by going to www.redeemerbythesea.org/events and clicking on the fall festival tile.** Let us know how many will be attending and sign up to volunteer! Can’t do it without you!

LWM: LWM invites you to a Speaking Engagement with Mission Aviation Fellowship on Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2026, 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.

REDEEMER BIRTHDAY CLUB: 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.

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.

NEW WEBSITE AND CHURCH APP: We are excited to launch our redesigned website and brand-new church app. Experience it now at redeemerbythesea.org. Use our brand-new app to put Redeemer by the Sea on your phones, TVs or tablets. Search RBTS Church in your app store.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

“In The Cross Of Christ I Glory”

LSB 427 sts. 1–3

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred
ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -
love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance

sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.

Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872, Tune: Ithamar Conkey, 1815–67, Text and tune: Public domain

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the ☩ 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.

(silence for further personal reflection and specific confession)

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 ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

SANCTUS

LSB 178

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. 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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen

SENDING

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

People: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

SONATA IN A

Composer: Thomas Arne

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MESSAGE

"Blinded by Fear"

Judges 6:1-15
Pastor Eli Thomas

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.

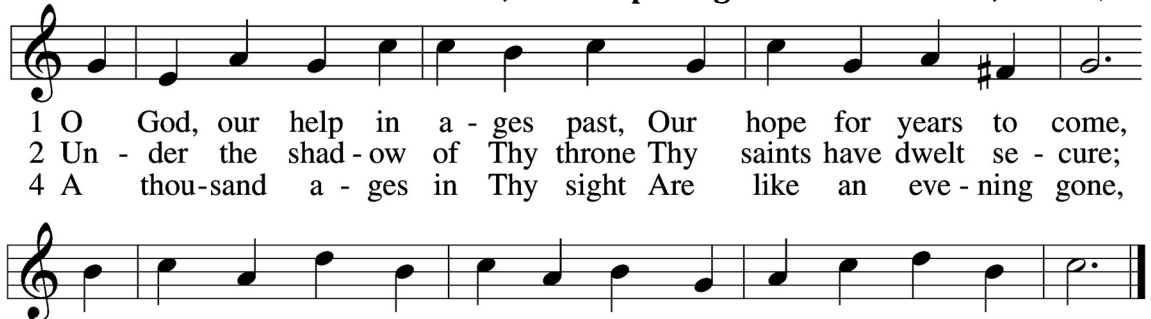
BENEDICTION

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

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" LSB 733, STS. 1-2, 4



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
4 A thou-sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,

Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt., Tune: William Croft, 1678–1727, Text and tune: Public domain

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

6 On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine— the best of meats and the finest of wines. 7 On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; 8 he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people’s disgrace from all the earth. The Lord has spoken. 9 In that day they will say, “Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-13

4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. 9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

10 I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. 11 I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. 12 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. 13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

LSB 173

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

Pastor: The Gospel reading today comes from Matthew chapter 22.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

1 Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: 2 “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. 3 He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. 4 “Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’ 5 “But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. 6 The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. 7 The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. 8 “Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. 9 So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ 10 So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. 11 “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. 12 He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless. 13 “Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ 14 “For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

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.

GREET ONE ANOTHER AND SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST

MESSAGE HYMN

“Thy Word Is a Lamp”

LSB 973

Refrain

Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.

1 When I feel a - fraid, think I’ve lost my way,
2 I will not for - get Your love for me, and yet My

Still You’re there right be - side me. And
heart for - ev - er is wan - der - ing.

noth - ing will I fear as long as You are near.
Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to Your side; And

Refrain

Please be near me to the end.
I will love You to the end.