

Redeemer Lutheran Church

I rejoiced with those who said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.” Psalm 122:1

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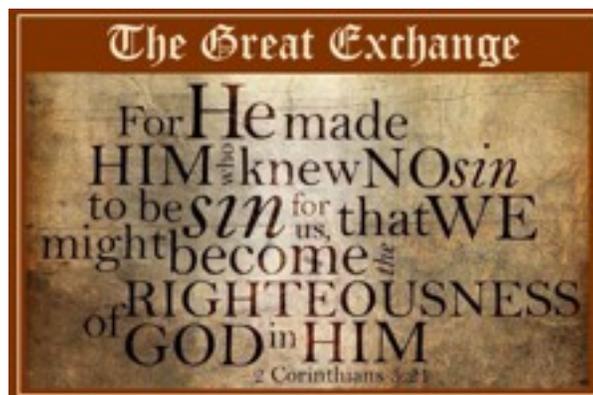
Can God take my guilt away?

2 Corinthians 5:21

“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

“I wish I could take it all away,” Mom whispered to her suffering five-year-old son. He had the flu for a couple of days now, and Mom’s heart was broken. As he lay in his bed suffering from the chills and a fever, there wasn’t much Mom could do except give him some children’s flu medicine and just be there for him. Mom felt helpless and wished she could take it all away from him. She even wished she could have the flu instead of her son.

When children are sick, the love of Mom and Dad really starts to shine through. In a heartbeat, parents go to extra lengths to make sure their kids are feeling as comfortable as possible. If you’re a parent, you’ve been there. You make sure their pillow is extra fluffy. You bring their favorite juice box. You provide their favorite movie to watch. And any time you hear them call, you quickly respond with, “What can I do for you?” The love of Mom and Dad goes so far that if they could take the sickness away, even become sick instead of their child, they would. But they can’t, and it hurts.



Has there ever been a time when you wished you could take it all away? Not just a sickness of a child, but something you did that you really regret? Maybe it was something you did to end a close relationship with a friend. Maybe you said something to a family member that you wish you could take back. Maybe it was something that only you know about, but it haunts you each day.

It’s at moments like these that God’s love really starts to shine through. He knows your sin, your guilt, your regrets. But He doesn’t just wish He could take them away. He did take them away. He forgave them all! He took your sin and guilt away

when He put them on His only Son, Jesus. He loves you so much that He had Jesus die for your sin so that you wouldn’t have to. God forgave your guilt and now considers you right with Him because of what Jesus did for you.

Wish your guilt and regrets could be taken away? They have been! In their place, He gives you forgiveness and eternal life. Now that’s a love that shines through!

Congregational Picnic

The council has decided because of COVID-19, that we would not hold our annual church picnic this year. Out of an abundance of caution, we also will continue to refrain from our Sunday coffee hour after church, and Sunday Bible Study. They are hoping to be able to begin both of these again in September, if possible.

Live Streaming Worship

We will continue to live stream our worship services on Facebook each week. However, there will be NO live streaming on August 9. Pastor Fetzer will be our guest speaker that day.

Lord's Blessings to You

We join these members of Redeemer in thanking God as they celebrate their birthday or wedding anniversary.

- 2 – Ken & Barb Bankwitz
- 16 – Ken & Irene Kasbohm
- 22 – Kelly Cushway
- 28 – Marge Schonberg
- 30 – Isaac Claffey

May the Lord's blessings continue to flow in your lives and homes as you live for Him. May His presence, love, and goodness be with you in another year of life and marriage.

Upcoming Events in August

August 16 - Church Council at 8:30 AM

Attendance & Offerings

<u>Service</u>	<u>Att</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>BS</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>SS</u>
6/28	35	\$2379.00		10	
7/5	31	\$2209.00		12	
7/12	32	\$1710.00		13	
7/19	25	\$1620.00		9	

Vacation Bible School

There will be no Vacation Bible School this summer due to the coronavirus concerns.

Carpeting

The new carpeting in the fellowship area will be installed, but we do not have a definite date for this yet.



"I told him it wouldn't kill him to try to be nice once in a while, but I was wrong."

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“Your word is a
lamp to my feet and
a light for my path.”

Psalm 119:105

Growing in the Word: Monthly Bible Reading Plan August 2020

August 1 - Amos 6	August 20 - Psalms 23, 24
August 2 - Amos 7:1-8:3	August 21 - Psalm 25
August 3 - Amos 8:4-9:15	August 22 - Psalm 26
August 4 - Hosea 1, 2	August 23 - Psalm 27
August 5 - Hosea 3	August 24 - Psalms 28, 29
August 6 - Hosea 4:1-5:14	August 25 - 1 Thessalonians 1
August 7 - Hosea 5:15-8:14	August 26 - 1 Thessalonians 2
August 8 - Hosea 9, 10	August 27 - 1 Thessalonians 3
August 9 - Hosea 11, 12	August 28 - 1 Thessalonians 4
August 10 - Hosea 13, 14	August 29 - 1 Thessalonians 5
August 11 - Psalms 13, 14	August 30 - 2 Thessalonians 1
August 12 - Psalms 15, 16	August 31 - 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12
August 13 - Psalm 17	
August 14 - Psalm 18:1-30	
August 15 - Psalm 18:31-50	
August 16 - Psalm 19	
August 17 - Psalms 20, 21	
August 18 - Psalm 22:1-21	
August 19 - Psalm 22:22-31	