



The Voice

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Healing • Growing • Serving • Going

Our Mission

Jesus said

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

Matthew 28:18 –19

Reflections from Pastor John

I tell you the truth, I woke up the morning of January 1st, 2019, with the hymn, “Lead On, O King Eternal” playing in my head. Where did that come from, if not prompted by the Holy Spirit? Check out the words in verse two.

Lead on, O King Eternal,
Till sin’s fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper
The sweet amen of peace.
For not with swords’ loud clashing,
Nor roll of stirring drums;
With deeds of love and mercy
The heav’nly kingdom comes.

This verse reminded me that as we continue in this new year, moving already into the second month, we are called by God into battle, but not against flesh and blood adversaries. No, we are called to strive against the powers of darkness and the evil one knowing that Jesus is the One who fights for us and He has the ultimate victory already in hand. The battle is engaged not with swords and drums, but with love and mercy. Check out what the Apostle Paul had to say to the church in Colossae, and by extension, to us.

Devote yourselves to prayer [Minister through Prayer] with an alert mind and a thankful heart [Seek the Kingdom].³Pray for us, too, that God will give us many opportunities to speak about his mysterious plan concerning Christ [Hear from Jesus]. That is why I am here in chains.⁴Pray that I will proclaim this message as clearly as I should [Talk with People].⁵Live wisely among those who are not believers, and

make the most of every opportunity [Do Good].⁶Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone [Join Jesus on His Mission]. Colossians 4:2-6

I like how Peterson puts those last couple of verses in the Message. *“Use your heads as you live and work among outsiders. Don’t miss a trick. Make the most of every opportunity. Be gracious in your speech. The goal is to bring out the best in others in a conversation, not put them down, not cut them out”* (Col 4:5-6 MSG) This reminds me that joining Jesus on His mission isn’t some clever idea put into a book to inspire people to buy a book. It is the essence of what the Body of Christ is about. We are, by the power of God the Holy Spirit, to align our lives with the mission of God our Father worked out through God the Son. God wants all people to be saved and to come to know Jesus as the Truth (see 1 Timothy 2:4).

In this new year, 2019, we will not check off the joining Jesus box (been there, done that), but will continue to grow into becoming a Launch Pad congregation, launching everyday, ordinary missionaries into our various neighborhoods in Damascus and the four county region. God wants to impact Damascus and the four county region for the glory of Jesus Christ and He wants to invite us to be a part of what He is already doing. How is Jesus speaking to you, prompting you, to join

Serve Opportunities

Beacon House

Saturday February 9

Provide food - A food sign-up and recipes for the month’s menu are hung in the Lobby. Food is to be delivered to Redeemer by 9:45am on serving day.

Serve - Adults and children 12 and older are needed to heat and serve the meal. The team gathers at Redeemer for prayer, departing at 10 am to travel to Beacon House to complete the preparing and serving of the meal. Typically we finish by 1:30 pm.

Sign up on Serving Opportunities Board in Lobby. Questions? Contact Paul Schweitzer at pcschweitzer@gmail.com.

Join Jesus on His mission in Mexicali, Mexico!

April 13 – 20, 2019

Over the last 14 years Redeemer has developed a neighborhood of friends and contacts in Mexicali. The Holy Spirit invites us to join Jesus the week before Easter. Questions? Contact Pastor Ray at 301-253-3000 or Laurie & Elliotte Want.

Him? How has He been redeeming and restoring your life so that you can be used by Him in the redemptive, restorative work He will continue in the lives of those around you, in your neighborhoods? What is the next step He has for you to grow into your part in Redeemer's Healing, Growing, Serving and GOING mission?

May you realize that there is nothing better than to align your daily life with our King Eternal, Jesus. There is nothing better than to fall into the ranks of disciples following Jesus into His mission to build His Kingdom by making all things new (see Revelation 21:5, *"And the one sitting on the throne said, 'Look, I am making everything new!' And*

then he said to me, 'Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true.'"). May I encourage you to trust and obey, to follow and join, to be a part of what Jesus is doing in your midst, to stop worrying and let Jesus use you for great things.

Lead on, O King Eternal,
We follow, not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning
Where'er Thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted o'er us,
We journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of might.

In the Love and Mercy of our King Eternal,
Pastor John

PS. Sue and I would like to thank everyone in the parish for the many expressions of love and good will we received over the Christmas/New Year holidays. The many cards, gifts, texts and personal handshakes, hugs and smiles have blessed us in wonderful ways. Thank you all.

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"FUN"Day
Sunday February 10
3:30 – 7:30 pm

Children & Family Ministry sponsors an evening out so parents have the opportunity to celebrate Valentine's Day.
 For all families with children 12 and under.
 Games, Sports, Crafts & more!

Pizza dinner & dessert included. Cost is \$15 per family.

Register online at Redeemer.us or the QR code.

Questions? Contact Joyce Anderson at 443-604-4470 or joyce.anderson@redeemer.us



Important Information About First Communion

We are excited to be making preparations for those who will be making their first Communion! This is such a special time.

First Communion education is offered to those young people in 2nd grade. If you have a child in a class above 2nd grade that has not received their 1st communion please contact Kathie Zimmerman or Val Bartel with your child's information

It is very important that you and your child are able to attend all the meetings. That is why we wanted to make sure that you had the dates for the upcoming Easter season early so that you are able to plan ahead. The "short" list of dates are:

Parents first meeting:
 Thursday February 28
 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Parent/Child first meeting:
 Saturday March 2
 9:25 am – 12:15 pm

Parents second meeting:
 Thursday April 11
 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Parent/Child second meeting:
 Saturday April 13
 9:25 am – 12:15 pm

Maundy Thursday First Communion Service:
 April 18.

We look forward to learning and growing with you and your child(ren)!

Father / Daughter Dinner Dance

Saturday March 2

5:00 – 8:00 pm

Redeemer Lutheran Church

\$30 per couple
 (\$5 for each additional daughter/girl)

Seating is limited, so get your tickets early!

Register online at
www.waterboyz.org/maryland



Remarkable Girls Conference

Saturday March 16

5:00 – 9:00 pm

Redeemer Lutheran Church

Speaker: Leah O'Brien Amico

Register online at fcamidatlanticwomen.org

\$25 before March 1, \$35 after March 1

For more information contact
Denise Ginsburg at dginsburg@fca.org or 301-514-5796



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Sunday Worship
8:00 & 11:00 am

Sunday School for All Ages
9:40 – 10:40 am

G.R.O.W. Wednesdays
Dinner – 5:30 pm
Activities – 6:15 – 7:45 pm

If you would prefer to receive the newsletter electronically or receiving this newsletter in error,
please contact the church office at 301-253-3000.



Save the Date

Annual Women's Breakfast & Fellowship

The Power and Goodness of Confession

The Sacred Space

Saturday March 9
8:00 – 11:30 am

RSVP by Sunday March 3
Free Will Offering

Join us for breakfast, fellowship, teaching and inspiration as we learn about God's power and goodness through confession. For more information contact Janet Stephens at 301-672-0160 or jls3943@comcast.net.

