

The Christian Connection

A few weeks ago, we looked at the Song of Moses asking the question, “What is worship?” We noticed that in the Song of Moses, the content of the song focused on confession. Moses and Israel confessed who God is, what He has done, and what He will do. This all was a result of the salvation which God had worked for His people.

Worship is a response. We worship God, not *so that*, but *because* we receive His good gifts, the primary gift being salvation.

A service can be divided in several ways. We often think of the different elements of the service: the confession of sin, scripture reading, the sermon, et cetera. However, we can also look at those elements and ask, are they vertical or horizontal? Do they primarily involve God and ourselves or does it primarily involve my neighbor and ourselves? It is appropriate to have both, obviously, we are called to love God and our neighbor.

However, we can look at the vertical aspect of a worship service and ask, is the vertical aspect mainly about me, my sacrifice, my work, my blessing of God or is it about God, His sacrifice, His work, His blessing of us? Again, both of these are appropriate in a service but one of them is primary and the other is secondary.

Which is which? As we look at scripture, we observe that it is God who does the work of saving us. God approaches us and blesses us. God draws near to us and comforts us. Because God has accomplished everything that is necessary for our salvation, we recognize it is His work, and His work alone that saves us. God’s work, sacrifice, prayers, and blessings are primary and our work, sacrifice, prayers, and blessings are a secondary reaction.

So, instead of asking if you have surrendered your life to Christ, we should be asking, “Has Christ surrender His life to us?” “Has Christ sacrificed Himself to us?” “Has Christ prayed for us?” “Has Christ accepted us?” As we ask these questions and we look at scripture, the undisputed answer is a resounding yes! Yes, He has! Continued on page 3...

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The purpose of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church is to worship God in a Bible-based, Christ-centered ministry, evangelizing, discipling, nurturing and equipping people for the spiritual well-being of every life.

Pastor Schultz



Volunteer Schedule

Please mark your calendars and if there are any conflicts with your schedule, please find someone to fill your spot and let Kristine Dootson know of the substitution. If you are unable to find someone to switch with you, call Kristine Dootson @425-753-2020.

| Date | Nursery | Lay Reader | Flowers | Coffee |
|------|---------------|------------------|---------|---------------------------------|
| 3/3 | Nancy Ostlund | Joe Bottem | Open | WMF Celebration Sunday |
| 3/10 | Dayna Hall | Kristine Dootson | Open | Open |
| 3/17 | Diana Daum | Duane Leach | Open | Deaconess St. Pat's Celebration |
| 3/24 | Sue Malone | Prosper Ruberwa | Open | Open |
| 3/31 | Pam Jussel | Patti Prue | Open | Open |

March Birthdays

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| George Hartlein | Mar. 3 |
| Marty Crother | Mar. 4 |
| Diana Daum | Mar. 7 |
| Kristine Dootson | Mar. 7 |
| Sheila Bathurst | Mar. 10 |
| Amie Olson | Mar. 20 |
| Nichole Clark | Mar. 20 |
| Griffin Watson | Mar. 20 |
| Piper Slonecker | Mar. 21 |
| Robert Paige | Mar. 21 |
| Ida Miller | Mar. 22 |

March Birthdays

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| Phyllis Swaffield | Mar. 23 |
| Bernie Kowalewski | Mar. 23 |
| Julie Marovich | Mar. 31 |
| Amber Kemmerling | Mar. 31 |

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Our confession is to simply agree with God about the reality of who He is, what He has done, and what He will do. When this is our confession, then we can have certain comfort and hope that our salvation has been purchased by God. If it was on our shoulders to do this, there would be no certain comfort. There would only be doubt and the need to re-convert to Christianity over and over and over again whenever we fall to sin. But since it is God who saves, instead we ask, did Christ die for me? Thanks be to God that the answer is yes!

Pastor Schultz



Pictures from Molly Marcus' Memorial



School News

- ORCS will have chapel with Pastor Schultz on March 6th and 7th.
- School registration went well. We tried an online registration for the first time for our internal families because of the snow and it was very well received!

Our Redeemer Christian School is a non-discriminatory, non-denominational educational institution. Our Redeemer Christian School serves as an extension of the Christian ministry of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and an outreach program to our neighborhood community.

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