

*Lord*  
you have been our dwelling place  
throughout all generations  
*Psalm: 90:1*

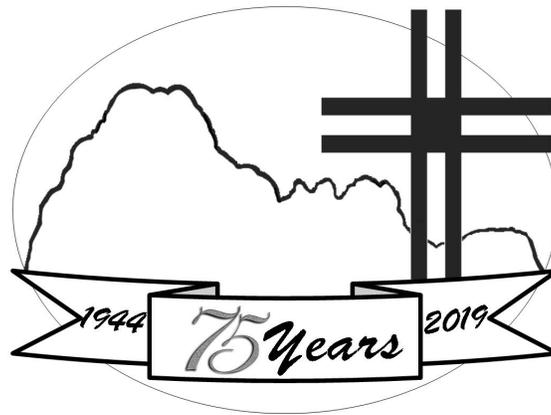
*Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Redeemer Lutheran Church  
1944 - 2019*

*October 26, 2019*

## **75 YEARS**

An inauspicious beginning found 33 devoted souls worshipping in jury rooms, living rooms, and classrooms. But God can take any beginning and deploy it for his gracious purposes. Over the last 75 years, God has multiplied the efforts of those original 33 to serve thousands of souls through many generations.

Our service today is based on Psalm 90:1, *Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations*. Former Pastor Silas Krueger will recount God's faithfulness to Redeemer during the Yavapai days; next, former Pastor Philip Koelpin will recall God's faithfulness during the transition to Silverbell; finally, Pastor Adam Mueller will speak to what Redeemer might expect in the future.



## **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

**Presiding Minister**

Pastor Matthew Langebartels

**Preachers**

Pastor Silas Krueger, Pastor Philip Koelpin, Pastor Adam Mueller

**Choirs**

**Directed by:** Fritz Bingenheimer

**Musicians**

**Trumpets:** Pastor Nathan Kassulke, Steve Mejia

**Handbells:** Leah Clark, Louisa Kahrs, Ronda McNeely, Ruth Plymesser

**Flutes:** Angelique Meley, Becky Rice; **Violins:** Kaleb Peek, Marsha Turner

**Bass Guitar:** Larry Vatterrodt; **Acoustic Guitar:** Charlene Vatterrodt

**Keyboardists:** Rachel Casmer, Leah Clark, Hannah Langebartels

**Organist:** Hannah Langebartels

**Media Technician**

Leigh Webster

**Ushers**

Clyde Brumfield, Charlie Weinstein, Wade Young

# † ORDER OF SERVICE †

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## OPENING HYMN

*The Lord Has Blessed Redeemer*  
*Sung to the tune of "The Church's One Foundation."*

**The Lord has blessed Redeemer  
By giving us his Word  
Through pastors and through teachers  
Who shared what they had heard;  
God's faithfulness and grace are  
Great gifts without a price  
They shared with us in love for  
Our Savior, Jesus Christ.**

**As years passed by, Redeemer,  
Through triumphs and through strife,  
Confessed that Jesus Christ is  
The Way, the Truth, the Life.  
Each generation passed on  
The faith they held so dear  
So that their children's children  
Would praise God with them here.**

**For generations coming,  
Redeemer takes its stand  
On faithfulness to God's Word  
And places in the hands  
Of those who gather with them  
The wonders God has done,  
Salvation through Christ Jesus,  
His one and only Son.**

**And as we share these blessings,  
God's love, God's truth, God's peace,  
Our songs of praise, our off'rings,  
Our service will not cease  
Revealing to our neighbors  
And to the nations, too,  
The Lord's eternal love for  
The world, for me, for you.**

*Please stand.*

## **DIALOGUE OF PROMISES**

M: Gracious Father, for centuries you promised a Savior who would crush the head of Satan. You revived Adam and Eve with this promise. You uttered it again to the patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. You announced it from the mountaintops through your prophets Moses, Isaiah, David, and others. And when your time was right, you fulfilled your promise through your Son, Jesus Christ. We stand here today as spiritual heirs of the forgiveness you promised and accomplished through Christ.

**C: Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

M: Almighty Father, together with your Son you promised to send the Holy Spirit. On Pentecost you vividly displayed the keeping of that promise. Today this promise continues in its fulfillment as you send your Holy Spirit to our hearts through the gospel in Word and Sacraments which are administered in this congregation and around the world.

**C: The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.**

M: We are attacked on every side. Our flesh tempts us from within, the world tempts us from without, and the Devil schemes with both our flesh and this world. Though all else will fail, we rely on your Word, because the promises you give us there will survive.

**C: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.**

M: When your Holy Christian Church has struggled, your wisdom always prevailed. You have had plans and ideas for us - you have had a direction you wanted to lead us.

**C: Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.**

M: Renew us again through Word and Sacrament, reform our hearts and minds, and restore to us the joy of fellowship and service. Grant to us in this age and in this place the courage of the apostles, the steadfastness of the reformers, and the dedication of the fathers of our church's past.

**C: May the Lord be with us as he was with our fathers; may he never leave us or forsake us.**

M: Let this be a time, O Lord, of confession and repentance. Forgive us for the apathy which harms our faith and hinders our work. Forgive us for boasting of our past achievements and for blaming others for our present problems. Rid us of indifference for public worship, destroy the distrust that plagues us, and shatter every thought and word which harms the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace.

**C: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

M: Let us find joy in our unity, zeal for our work, and if it is your will, success in our labor. Give us faith to take up again the trumpet none can silence or mistake - for all the world to hear: The feast is ready! Come to the feast!

**C: Amen!**

*Please be seated.*

**DEDICATION OF ORGAN**

M: Brothers and sisters, today we seek God's blessing as we gather with thankfulness to set apart this organ to his glory. God has given us the gift of music, and to him we sound our praise.

M: Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous;

**C: It is fitting for the upright to praise him.**

M: Sing to him a new song;

**C: Play skillfully, and shout for joy.**

M: For the word of the Lord is right and true;

**C: He is faithful in all he does.**

M: The Lord loves righteousness and justice;

**C: The earth is full of his unfailing love.**

**READING**

*Revelation 5:6-6:1*

*Sing a new song.*

<sup>6</sup> Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup> He came and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. <sup>8</sup> And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup> And they sang a new song:

"You are worthy to take the scroll  
and to open its seals,  
because you were slain,  
and with your blood you purchased men for God  
from every tribe and language and people and nation.

<sup>10</sup> You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God,  
and they will reign on the earth."

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. <sup>12</sup> In a loud voice they sang:

“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength  
and honor and glory and praise!”

<sup>13</sup> Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing:

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be praise and honor and glory and power,  
for ever and ever!”

<sup>14</sup> The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

<sup>1</sup> I watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals. Then I heard one of the four living creatures say in a voice like thunder, “Come!”

## **PRAYER**

**M:** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you dwell among angels who praise you continually. You open our mouths to sing salvation’s new song, rejoicing in the great things you have done for us.

We thank you for the gift of music and we praise you for giving us this organ, which we dedicate to your glory alone. Sanctify the art which awakens its harmonies in leading us to worship you. Be with your servants who will use this instrument to make music for your people as you prepare us on earth to sing your praises in heaven, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **DEDICATION**

**M:** Brothers and sisters, we dedicate this organ, for the worship, honor, praise, and glory of God and for the edification of his holy people, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M:** O God, you have promised to be with your Church forever. We thank you for those who founded this community of believers and for the signs of your favor over these past years. Increase our faith, knit us together in the bonds of love, and make our fellowship an example to all people; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C:** **Amen.**

*Lord, You Have Been Our Dwelling Place: Yavapai***LESSON***Exodus 2:11-25**Moses flees from Egypt to Midian.*

<sup>11</sup> One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to where his own people were and watched them at their hard labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people. <sup>12</sup> Glancing this way and that and seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. <sup>13</sup> The next day he went out and saw two Hebrews fighting. He asked the one in the wrong, "Why are you hitting your fellow Hebrew?"

<sup>14</sup> The man said, "Who made you ruler and judge over us? Are you thinking of killing me as you killed the Egyptian?" Then Moses was afraid and thought, "What I did must have become known."

<sup>15</sup> When Pharaoh heard of this, he tried to kill Moses, but Moses fled from Pharaoh and went to live in Midian, where he sat down by a well. <sup>16</sup> Now a priest of Midian had seven daughters, and they came to draw water and fill the troughs to water their father's flock. <sup>17</sup> Some shepherds came along and drove them away, but Moses got up and came to their rescue and watered their flock.

<sup>18</sup> When the girls returned to Reuel their father, he asked them, "Why have you returned so early today?"

<sup>19</sup> They answered, "An Egyptian rescued us from the shepherds. He even drew water for us and watered the flock."

<sup>20</sup> "And where is he?" he asked his daughters. "Why did you leave him? Invite him to have something to eat."

<sup>21</sup> Moses agreed to stay with the man, who gave his daughter Zipporah to Moses in marriage. <sup>22</sup> Zipporah gave birth to a son, and Moses named him Gershom, saying, "I have become an alien in a foreign land."

<sup>23</sup> During that long period, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God. <sup>24</sup> God heard their groaning and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob. <sup>25</sup> So God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them.

**HYMN**

*Psalm 90:1-2, 6-8*

1 We live, O Lord, with - in your grace, for you have  
2 A thou - sand years with - in your sight pass like a  
been our dwell - ing place; be - fore the moun - tains came to  
watch with - in the night, like yes - ter - day when it is  
be, you are true God e - ter - nal - ly.  
through, the brief - est blink in all you view.

6. Your steadfast love will satisfy  
and be our joy until we die.  
Though evil days may grieve our soul,  
we trust that you will make us whole.

7. Lord, let your work to us be shown,  
your glory by our children known.  
Your favor rest on us each day;  
establish all our work, we pray.

8. O Father, Son, and Spirit, be  
our dwelling place eternally,  
and when the mountains are no more,  
your name we ever will adore!

## DEVOTION

Psalm 90:1  
Pastor Silas Krueger

<sup>1</sup> Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

*Please stand.*

## THE FIRST ARTICLE

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**What does this mean?**

**I believe that God created me and all that exists, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears and all my members, my mind and all my abilities. And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life. God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil. All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.**

*Please be seated.*

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## *Lord, You Have Been Our Dwelling Place: Silverbell*

## LESSON

Hebrews 11:23-38  
*By faith, Moses leads Israel out of Egypt.*

<sup>23</sup> By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

<sup>24</sup> By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. <sup>25</sup> He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time. <sup>26</sup> He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. <sup>27</sup> By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. <sup>28</sup> By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

<sup>29</sup> By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned.

<sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the people had marched around them for seven days.

<sup>31</sup> By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.

<sup>32</sup> And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel and the prophets, <sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. <sup>35</sup> Women received back their dead, raised to life again. Others were tortured and refused to be released, so that they might gain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Some faced jeers and flogging, while still others were chained and put in prison. <sup>37</sup> They were stoned; they were sawed in two; they were put to death by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— <sup>38</sup> the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

## HYMN

*By Faith*

*Please sing as directed: Verse 1, choir; verse 2 and refrain, faculty; verse 3, children; verses 4-5 and refrains, all.*

1 By faith we see the hand of God in the  
2 By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth with the  
3 By faith the pro - phets saw a day when the  
4 By faith the church was called to go in the  
5 By faith this moun - tain shall be moved and the

light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign, in the  
pow'r of his prom - ise in their hearts, of a  
longed-for Mes - si - ah would ap - pear with the  
pow'r of the Spir - it to the lost to de -  
pow'r of the gos - pel shall pre - vail, for we

lives of those who prove his faith - ful - ness,  
 ho - ly cit - y built by God's own hand,  
 pow'r to break the chains of sin and death  
 liv - er cap - tives and to preach good news  
 know in Christ all things are pos - si - ble

who walk by faith and not by sight. *to v. 2*  
 a place where peace and jus - tice reign. *Refrain*  
 and rise tri - um - phant from the grave. *to v. 4*  
 in ev - 'ry cor - ner of the earth. *Refrain*  
 for all who call up - on his name. *Refrain*

*Refrain*

We will stand as chil-dren of the prom-ise; we will fix our

eyes on him, our soul's re - ward. Till the race is fin-ished and the

work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

## DEVOTION

Psalm 90:1  
Pastor Philip Koelpin

*<sup>1</sup> Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.*

*Please stand.*

## THE SECOND ARTICLE

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**What does this mean?**

**I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.**

**He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.**

**All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.**

**This is most certainly true.**

*Please be seated.*

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## *Lord, You Have Been Our Dwelling Place: All Generations*

## LESSON

Deuteronomy 31:1-6  
*Leaders change, but the eternal Lord always leads his people.*

Then Moses went out and spoke these words to all Israel: <sup>2</sup> "I am now a hundred and twenty years old and I am no longer able to lead you. The Lord has said to me, 'You shall not cross the Jordan.' <sup>3</sup> The Lord your God himself will cross over ahead of you. He will destroy these nations before you, and you will take possession of their land. Joshua also will cross

over ahead of you, as the Lord said. <sup>4</sup> And the Lord will do to them what he did to Sihon and Og, the kings of the Amorites, whom he destroyed along with their land. <sup>5</sup> The Lord will deliver them to you, and you must do to them all that I have commanded you. <sup>6</sup> Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.”

## HYMN

*Onward, Christian Soldiers* | **537**

## DEVOTION

*Psalm 90:1*

*Pastor Adam Mueller*

*<sup>1</sup> Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.*

*Please stand.*

## THE THIRD ARTICLE

**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.**

**What does this mean?**

**I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him.**

**But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.**

**In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.**

**On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.**

*Please be seated.*

## OFFERING

*The offering collected today will go to Martin Luther College's campaign, "Equipping Christian Witnesses" in honor of 75 years of Redeemer's teachers and preachers who have shared the Word of God with us.*

## OFFERTORY

*Piano/Organ Duet: O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

*Rachel Casmer and Hannah Langebartels*

*Please stand.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come. At this anniversary we reflect on your past help and are encouraged in our hope for the future.

We praise you for keeping and sustaining your people throughout the ages and for preserving the preaching of your Word and the administration of your Sacraments among us. We praise you also for using us to touch others with the good news that sinners are reconciled to you through the life and death of Jesus Christ.

Now we ask you to give us courage and hope as we move day by day into the future. Keep safe all those who assemble here in your name. Do not permit the evil one to pluck us out of your mighty hand. Strengthen us in the confidence that you have already overcome our greatest enemies: sin, death and the devil. Increase our trust in your precious promise that you are with us always. Cause your Holy Spirit to work mightily in us and through us, so that we may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Be with us as we strive to pass down to our children the truths that have been passed down to us. Continue to make our congregation a beacon of your light in this sin-darkened world.

*Special prayers and intercessions.*

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

Grant that this celebration of your gracious activity in years and ages past be only the prelude to that far greater celebration we will enjoy forever in the joy and glory of the world to come. Still be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,**

**as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

## EXORTATION

1 Peter 3:8-18

- M: Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.
- C: For, "Whoever would love life and see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech. He must turn from evil and do good; he must seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."**
- M: Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened."
- C: But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience,**
- M: So that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. It is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.
- C: For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.**

## BLESSING

- M: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with his favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## CLOSING HYMN

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing | 332*  
*Please sing as directed: Verse 1, adult choir; verses 2-4, all.*



- ❖ *Please reserve the pews in the back of the church for families with small children.*
- ❖ *Restrooms are located in the entrance area of the church.*
- ❖ *A quiet room with a window is available in the entrance area of the church and offers live audio of the service and is equipped with chairs and a changing table. Parents may also use this room to calm a restless child.*
- ❖ *If you would like to know more about Redeemer, visit [redeemertucson.com](http://redeemertucson.com) or contact one of the pastors listed below.*

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