

# THE DESERT STREAM



—Isaiah 35.6

September, 2024

## Redeemer Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship... 9a

Sunday School... 10:30

Holy Communion  
September 1, 15, 29.

Virtual Bible Study  
Thursdays, 7 PM, Skype

Church Council and  
Elders Meeting  
Tuesday, September  
17th, 6:30PM at Muths

Ladies' Guild  
Next Meeting between  
Worship and the Sunday  
school hour on Sunday,  
September 8th.

*All Ladies are Welcome!*

**Meditations & News  
from around the ELS**  
available in the Narthex.

Also available to you,  
Please contact Pastor

- Private Confession
- Christianity 101
- Jr. Confirmation

The Congregation  
Prays: A Guide to  
Daily Devotions  
In Sunday's Bulletin!

## *Would that All the Lord's People were Prophets!*

In Numbers chapter 11, a young man ran and told Moses: *Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.* That's terrible! At least, that's what Joshua, Moses' servant thought. He said: "Moses, my lord, stop them!" To Moses, though, this was not a problem:

*Moses said... "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"*

—Numbers 11:29.

Is that a scary thought? That God would make a prophet out of you, and that He would put His Spirit on you? When God first called him, Moses himself was fearful. He called himself slow of speech and tongue; he even pleaded with God to send someone else. But when God calls you, He means it.

He calls each of us to different things—some to marriage and family life; some to single life; some to work in the world, and some to work in the church. But all alike receive the same holy calling in Baptism, where God places His name on you and gives you His Holy Spirit—for the forgiveness of sins, for the gift of faith, as a deposit to guarantee what is to come.

Still we feel some of Moses' angst.

"I don't know what to say." For that matter, I don't know *when* to say it. Or how. **O Lord, open my lips: (that's when)my mouth shall show forth your praise.**

According to faith at work in you, you will want to show forth the Lord's praises! But if your New Life begins when you are born again of water and the Spirit; if faith cometh by hearing and hearing through the Word of God, isn't it fitting that your praises begin (or begin again) with *receiving*?

*For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*

—1 Corinthians 11:26.

Your participation in the Holy Communion says something. It's not about your appearance or clothing: it's about the hope that's in you and the future that is promised to you. You proclaim that Jesus was crucified for you. You proclaim that His death has ransomed you from sin and death. You proclaim that you live in hope. There at that table, ***all the LORD's people are prophets: He puts his Spirit on them!***

I hear you. I thank you. I am delighted to receive together with you. God grant, I'll see you Sunday.

With Love, Pastor.

## *The Christian Crash Course*

A Community-Based Study  
on The Bible—Story by Story,  
Subject by Subject  
Come as you are!

Course Materials,  
Refreshments and Babysitting  
Provided

**Ongoing Sundays  
This Fall**