

THE DESERT STREAM



—Isaiah 35.6

September, 2026

Redeemer Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship... 9a

Sunday School... 10:30a

Kids: **Bible History**

+ Adults: **Hebrews** +

Wednesday Bible

Class..... 5p

+ **Psalms, Book I** +

At Redeemer & Teams
(No Class 9/9, 9/30)

Ladies' Guild—

Sunday, 9/20, after wor-
ship at the Church.

Church Meetings—

Elders & Council

Mon, 9/14, 6 & 6:30p

Book Club—

Rescheduling TBA.

Circuit Pastors 9/9-9/11.

ELS General Pastoral
Conference 9/29-10/2.

Please Contact Pastor—

• Private Confession

• Christianity 101

• Jr. Confirmation

The Congregation
Prays:

A Devotional Guide
In Sunday's Bulletin!

What Doesn't Kill You...

The Lord Jesus gives us the keys for interpreting the Scriptures. By extension, He frames and shapes Christian worship and preaching. In **John 5:39**, He presented the *Christ-centeredness* of Scripture to the Jews of His day. He said: "**You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me.**" Christ at the center, in our world and in our life; Christ crucified; Christ as God in our Humanity: The Bible is about Him.

The *Person* of Christ and the *work* of Christ are inseparably connected. After He rose from the dead, our Lord said in **Luke 24**: "**Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.**"

What follows from this? With emphasis, "**Repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.**" Not that this is our interpretation or our self-chosen application of these events, but "**Thus it is written.**"

You've heard it said: *What doesn't kill you makes you stronger.* That's grit. It always passes for a positive notion. It may be wishful thinking, but people *digest* it anyhow. Spiritually speaking, I wonder if it is both more true, and more dangerous. For I come to church with a sinful nature that does not want to die. It wants to live.

It has both sinful desires, and spiritual aspirations. It wants evil. It also wants to live with God and deserve from Him. Perhaps without realizing it, then, we strengthen what should not live and put to death what should not die (Ezekiel 13:19). How shall the *right thing* die, and how shall the *right thing* live? But the Lord Himself says, **Deuteronomy 32:39** "See now that I, even I, am He, and there is no god beside me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal."

So I will not kill anyone by harangue; or by lulling you to sleep with sermons that endure *world without end*. But as it says, **Jeremiah 23:29** "Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?" Then good courage is preached into the heart in Paul's words, **Romans 1:16** "I am not ashamed of the gospel! It is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes."

In our worship, Jesus' Word is, and must be, the dominant Voice, in these terms: **Repent Ye and Believe the Gospel.** For our conviction and for our comfort, Excellent Worship serves the primary focal purpose of Law & Gospel. This is a thing we aspire to, which is just as crucial as Christ-centeredness, making for true excellence in worship.

More to come! See you Sunday.

With Love, Pastor.

The Book Club
Has been Reading:
The Case for Christ.

Please Remember in your prayers:
Our unwell & shut-in members
Absent Loved Ones
Prospective Members
Hope Lutheran, Leander TX
Christ Lutheran, Windsor CA

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*Please Promote our
Worship Services and
Online Content*

**Thank you to all our
Volunteers:**

**Music, Altar Guild,
Ladies Guild, Kitchen,
Properties, and
our Sunday School!**

**Please Pray for all
these efforts!**

**Thank You
to All!**

A special **Thank You**
to all of the **Ladies of
Redeemer** for your
volunteer efforts!

Come to Church!

Come to Bible Study!

Bring a Friend!

Our Midweek Bible
Class continues on
Wednesdays at 5PM, at
Redeemer and on MS
Teams. Please join us
for a little unit on the
Psalms. **Your Link to
join online:**

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meet/9367419412339?
p=3VieYxdvLBuNh2dp](https://teams.live.com/joinonline/9367419412339?p=3VieYxdvLBuNh2dp)
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Opening and Preliminaries

Reports

Business

Our Congregational Forum met on
Sunday, August 2. The Voters Assembly
met on Monday, August 3.

We apologize for this delayed
report of the meeting minutes.

**We Are Experiencing Technical
Difficulties.** Please Stand by.

More to Come ...