

# RIC SUNDAY



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**FIRST READING**

Genesis 17: 1-5

*LuAnn Blohm*

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. 2 And I will make my covenant between me and you and will make you exceedingly numerous." 3 Then Abram fell on his face, and God said to him, 4 "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. 5 **No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham**, for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING**

Romans 8: 1-2; 38-39

*LuAnn Blohm*

1 Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

"Everybody Sing Alleluia"  
(next page)

**REFRAIN**

Ev - 'ry-bod - y sing al - le - lu - ia, ev - 'ry-bod - y praise  
 his name. Ev - 'ry-bod - y sing al - le - lu - ia, praise  
 his name to - day.

**GOSPEL READING** John 8: 2 – 9

*Rev. Dr. Lisa Bates-Froiland*

The Good News of Jesus Christ as written in the Book of John, Chapter 8, verses 2 – 9:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

2 Early in the morning [Jesus] came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and began to teach them. 3 The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and, making her stand before all of them, 4 they said to him, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. 5 Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. **Now what do you say?**” 6 They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. 7 When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “**Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.**” 8 And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. 9 When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

“All the Sex and Gender Stuff”

*Rev. Dr. Lisa Bates-Froiland*

**SERMON SONG**

“Although I Speak with Angel’s Tongue”

*Red Book 644*

Verse 3 - solo

(Prayer squares are collected)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

“Oh God, We Call”

*Linnea Good*

O God, we call, O God, we call, from

The first line of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a melody with notes and rests, and the bass staff contains a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

deep in - side we yearn, from deep in - side we yearn, from

The second line of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first line. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

deep in - side we yearn for you.

The third line of musical notation concludes the phrase. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. A vertical copyright notice is visible on the right side of the page.

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERING SONG**

“Love Has a Bigger Table”

*Matt Maher*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

*Kari Wellhausen*

Gracious God, **all that we have, and all that we are, come from You. We offer these gifts in response to the generosity first offered us, with the prayer that these gifts are used to show others your amazing grace. Amen.**

**PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION**

*Rev. Dr. Lisa Bates-Froiland*

*Chorus*

And the ta-ble will be wide. And the wel-come will be wide.

5 And the arms will o - pen wide to ga-ther us in. And our

hearts will o - pen wide to re - ceive.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'Chorus' and contains the lyrics 'And the ta-ble will be wide. And the wel-come will be wide.' The second staff starts with a measure rest and a '5' above it, followed by the lyrics 'And the arms will o - pen wide to ga-ther us in. And our'. The third staff continues with the lyrics 'hearts will o - pen wide to re - ceive.' There is a triplet of eighth notes in the second staff.

**Presider’s Prayer**

**Reprise** “And the Table Will be Wide”

**Words of Institution**

## **Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. God, you are our Holy Parent, our Mother and . . .

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## **Invitation**

### **COMMUNION SONG**

"Here Is Bread"

*Red Book 483*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Kari Wellhausen*

Gracious God; in humility we ask that all who have received the bread of life just now experience true nourishment and inspiration. Throughout the coming week, we will celebrate the faith, hope, and love we have received through this holy gift. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

As we leave this space may God's face shine upon you, God's love sustain you, and God's peace inspire you and give you peace. May God – Creator, † Redeemer, and Sustainer – fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that we all may live in hope of a blessed community where God's creative genius is celebrated every day. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**

"Lean On Me"

*Bill Withers*

Sometimes in our lives we all have pain  
We all have sorrow  
But if we are wise  
We know that there's always tomorrow

**(Refrain 1)** Lean on me, when you're not strong  
And I'll be your friend  
I'll help you carry on  
For it won't be long  
'Til I'm gonna need  
Somebody to lean on  
Please swallow your pride  
If I have things you need to borrow  
For no one can fill those of your needs  
That you won't let show

**(Refrain 2)** You just call on me brother, when you need a hand  
We all need somebody to lean on  
I just might have a problem that you'll understand  
We all need somebody to lean on

**Refrain 1 repeat, Refrain 2 repeat**

If there is a load you have to bear  
That you can't carry  
I'm right up the road  
I'll share your load  
If you just call me

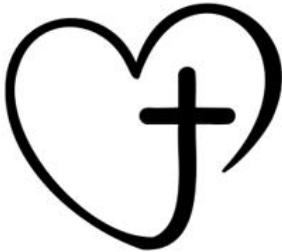
**DISMISSAL** Go in Peace; let the love of God guide you. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**



*We are all aware that Pastor Lisa's last day is quickly approaching. We'll be hearing, over the next couple of weeks, her seven last sermons. Here are the plans for those sermons:*

Jan 4 - Stewardship of Self  
Jan 11 - Ah, Family. And Politics. And Faith.  
Jan 18 - One God, Many Paths?  
Jan 25 - All the Sex and Gender Stuff  
(RIC Sunday)  
Feb 1 - Keeping the Faith: Resilience and Tradition  
Feb 8 - Letter to the Next Pastor of Redeemer  
Feb 15 - It All Comes Down to This



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The church office is open, 9 – 1, Monday – Thursday. Call 414-933-7004, or email [admin@redeermilwaukee.org](mailto:admin@redeermilwaukee.org) to set up an appointment with the pastor.**

### BIBLE STUDY

- Bible Study will resume this Monday in Conference room #2. It will be held from 12:30 to 1:30. Discussion will focus around the sermon title of **Keeping the Faith: Resilience and Tradition.**

### DONATIONS

- If you do stock donations to Fidelity, please make sure you alert Lisa Walter at [finance@redeermilwaukee.org](mailto:finance@redeermilwaukee.org). She needs the date, the amount and the name of the stock.
- Please make sure any donations sent in are clearly marked for regular tithes or Forward in Faith.
- **The only donations we are looking for right now for the clothes library are men's gloves, men's jeans or sweatpants and travel size shampoo and body wash.**

### CHOIR REHEARSAL

- Jeff will be holding choir rehearsal for 30 minutes after Sunday services. If you are interested in singing in the choir, please contact Jeff at [music@redeermilwaukee.org](mailto:music@redeermilwaukee.org). We will be singing the next time on Sunday, February 15.

### LUNCH AT OLGA'S

- Lunch is served Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Alex at [operations@olganws.com](mailto:operations@olganws.com).

### SPECIAL OFFERING TODAY

- All loose and designated gifts will be offered to the Reconciling in Christ works.

### CURRENT REDEEMER LOAN DEBT

- \$430,000 at 7.5% interest. Any and all Debt Relief donations help to unencumber Redeemer to continue its mission and ministry in the city!

### INTERESTED IN READING MORE ABOUT TODAY'S SERMON TOPIC?

- Colby Martin, Unclobber: Rethinking our Misuse of the Bible on Homosexuality (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox P, 2022).
- David P. Gushee, Changing Our Mind (David Crumm Media, 2014). Later edition 2017.

### PASTOR LISA'S FAREWELL PARTY – ALL ARE WELCOME!

