

SAVIOR
SERVANT
FRIEND



Week 5
COMFORTER

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

*I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from
my Father I have made known to you. John 15:15*

Invocation and Call to Worship

P: By God's gracious invitation, we gather together in the presence of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: Comfort, comfort my people

C: Says your God. (Isaiah 40:1)

P: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

C: I will fear no evil

P: For you are with me

C: Your rod and your staff, they comfort me. (Psalm 23:4)

P: This is my comfort in my affliction,

C: That your promise gives me life. (Psalm 119:50)

P: Let your steadfast love comfort me

C: According to your promise to your servant. (Psalm 119:76)

Opening Hymn ... "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

(Freu Dich Sehr 87 87 77 88)

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Sin threatens to separate us from the comfort we have in our Savior, Servant, Friend, Jesus.

C: Lord Jesus, hear us now as we confess our sins to you.

P: We have sought comfort and peace in all the wrong places.

C: We have tried to comfort ourselves by our desires and lusts.

P: We have failed to comfort others as we should.

C: We have torn down and harmed, slandered and lied.

P: We have found no comfort or peace in our sin and shame.

C: Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!

(Please silently reflect on the discomfort of sin and the comforting assurance of Christ's forgiveness.)

P: Comfort, comfort my people, says our God! Our friend Jesus faced the discomfort and pain of the cross in order to forgive us of all our sins. In the stead and by the command of our friend, Jesus Christ, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins and the comforting assurance that are set free from sin and shame.

C: What a friend we have in Jesus.

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty and everlasting God...one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading ... *Isaiah 51:1-6*

Epistle Reading ... *2 Corinthians 1:3-7*

Gospel Reading ... *John 11:17-27*

Sermon Hymn ... “Amazing Grace” (New Britain CM)

Sermon

Offering & Attendance/Involvement Cards

Prayers

- P: Friends, nothing is impossible for Jesus. And, so, we pray in the name of Jesus knowing that he can do immeasurably more than all that we ask or imagine. Let us pray: Jesus, your power and promises bring profound comfort to us in our hardships and struggles. Hear us now as we lift our prayers and raise our petitions to you. **C: Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P: Lord Jesus, bring comfort to every corner of your creation, and assure us with your promise to one day wipe away every tear from our eyes. **C: Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P: Comfort our deepest hurts and sorrows, and remind us that nothing is too far broken for your hope and healing.
C: Lord, hear our prayer.
- P: Comfort the vulnerable and lonely, the weak and powerless, the grieving and impoverished—all the while using us as instruments of your comforting friendship.
C: Lord, hear our prayer.
- P: Comfort those who are near the point of death and being called to your nearer presence. **C: Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P: Comfort your church around the world, especially the faithful gathered in places that are hostile toward the Christian faith.
C: Lord, hear our prayer.
- P: Comfort us when we are afflicted by sin and assure us of your forgiveness—yet, bring discomfort to the parts of our lives that are far too comfortable in sin and waywardness.

C: Lord, hear our prayer, and comfort us as only you can. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

P: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. And, so, receive this blessing: The Lord bless and comfort you in all your afflictions so that you can be a blessing and a comfort to all in their afflictions. Amen.

C: What a friend we have in Jesus!

Closing Hymn ... "Blessed Assurance"
(Assurance 99 99 and refrain)

*Midweek Lenten & Holy Week Worship
Services at Redeemer*

Wednesday, April 9

11:30 AM & 7 PM Worship

*Meal: Lasagna

hosted by Choir / Handbells

Palm Sunday, April 13

Worship 6:30 PM Thursday,

April 10; 8:15, 10:45 AM

Sunday, April 13

Maundy Thursday, April 17

11:30 AM & 7 PM Worship

with Holy Communion

Good Friday, April 18

11:30 AM & 7 PM Worship

Easter Sunday, April 20

6:30 AM, 8:30 AM, & 10:30 AM

Worship with Holy

Communion

7:30-10 AM Redeemer Youth

serve Easter Breakfast

**Wednesday meals served at
Noon & 5-6:45 PM ~ (free-will
offering & Carry-outs available)*