

## CHASING CARROTS: "Comfort"

1 John 2:15-17

### I. Intro: Creature comforts

### II. The love God \_\_\_\_\_

*Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. (1 John 2:15 NIV)*

#### A. Chasing this love of comfort can \_\_\_\_\_ the way of \_\_\_\_\_

*"Comfort the \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ the comfortable."*  
(Dietrich Bonhoeffer)

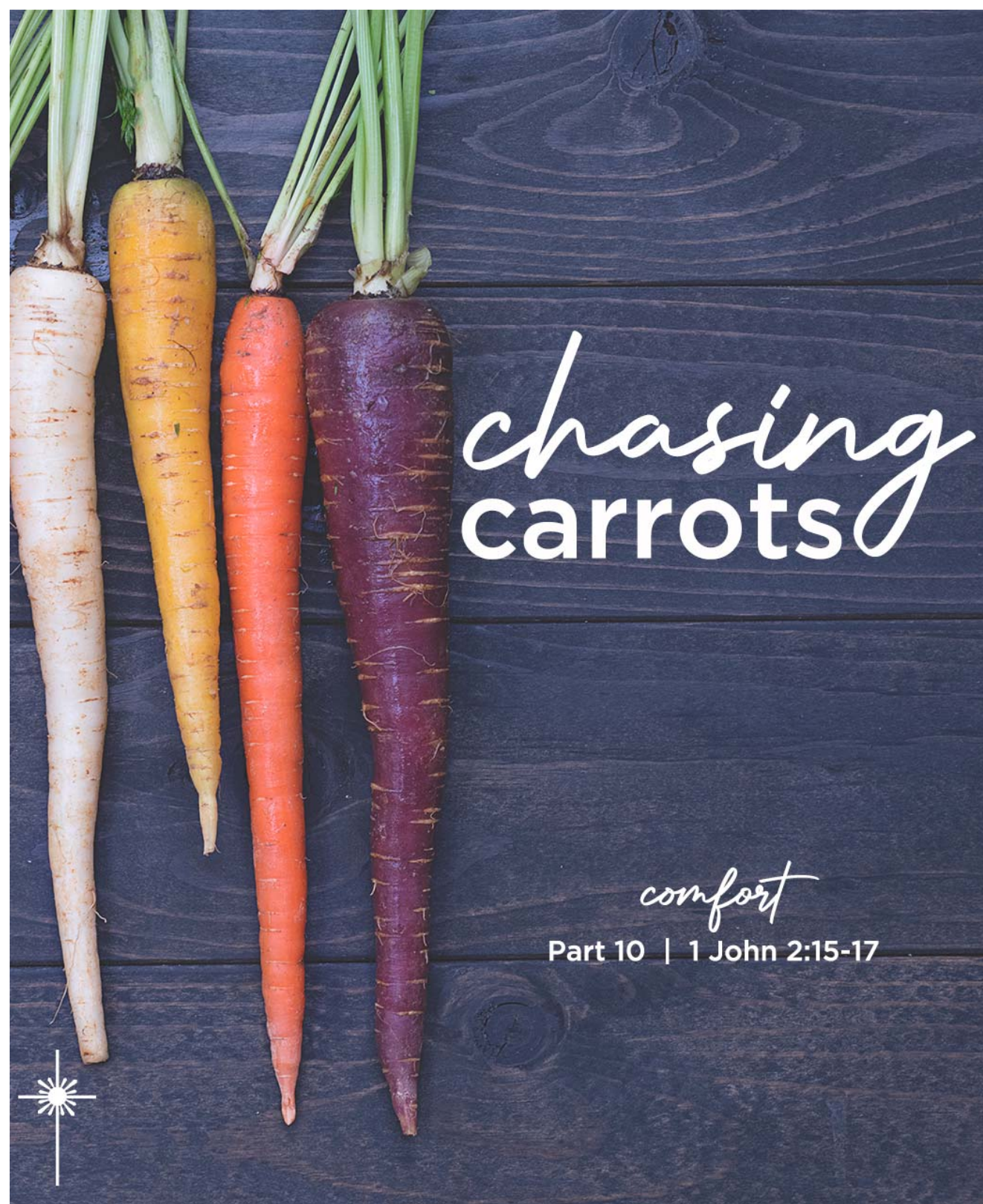
#### B. Embrace divine \_\_\_\_\_

*Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. (James 1:2-4 NIV)*

#### C. Embrace that this isn't \_\_\_\_\_ there \_\_\_\_\_

*Everything—and I do mean everything—connected with that old way of life \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. It's rotten through and through. Get rid of it! And then take on an entirely new way of life—a God-fashioned life, a life renewed from the inside and working itself into your conduct as God accurately reproduces his character in you. (Ephesians 4:22-24 MSG)*

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## Contemporary Worship

August 6, 2023

### .:gather.:

Pastor Welcome & Greeting One Another

Invocation Prayer

*Our Love is Loud*, David Crowder

*I Need You*, Kristian Stanfill

### .:grow.:

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Bible Reading: 1 John 2:15-17

Message

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Prayer, Lord's Prayer & Confession

Introduce Offering & Communion

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The Lord's Supper

*Rebuilder*, Carrollton

*Beautiful Things*, North Point Live

### .:go.:

Prayer of Thanks

Next Steps & Sending

*Death Was Arrested*, North Point

Announcements



# Redeemer

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### Sunday Worship Schedule

**8:30am** - Traditional Worship

**9:45am** - Growth Groups for Adults, Youth & KidZone

**11am** - Contemporary Worship

### Welcome to Redeemer!

Thanks for worshiping with us! We want you to feel at home and encourage you to introduce yourself to one of our greeters or pastor. If you'd like more info about Redeemer, please fill out the Connect Card in the chair-back in front of you. **We want to meet and welcome you personally.** If you have questions concerning hearing assistance or directions to our nursery or classrooms, an usher will be happy to assist. Children's bulletins and "busy hands" bags are available at the Welcome Center just outside the sanctuary.

So we're going to come right out and say something that likely won't shock you: **We're not perfect.** We try to be real, transparent, and honest. But we even fail at that sometimes. You may feel ignored or unappreciated in some way this morning, but that certainly is not our intention. Please allow us to get to know you better – we all came to worship a Loving God.

But here's the thing: **We don't come to church to meet perfect people.** We come to meet **a perfect God.** He's inviting us to worship today. He is good and His love endures forever. And His is a love that was consummated on a cross and vindicated in an empty tomb. **Jesus won the battle** against sin, death and the devil. He freed us. **Today we celebrate that victory** and freedom together as **imperfect people, longing for more of Him.**

Pastor Nathan

### If This is Your First Time Joining Us!

We're thrilled you are here! We'd love to get to know you better! We pray this time of worship encourages and challenges you in your faith.



If you are looking for a church home, **we would love to partner with you** to make an eternal difference in our community for Jesus. Consider being part of the next "Doorway Class" which will give you a better flavor for who we are as a church. You will find that **Redeemer is a great place to GATHER, GROW, and GO in your relationship with Jesus**

Come "GROW" with us!

### Welcome to the Lord's Table

If you're a guest, we are glad you are here! Prior to taking Communion, we encourage you to speak with pastor or an elder. We believe the sacrament of Communion is a gift of Christ to His Church. Scripture encourages, all who receive this gift must first examine themselves concerning matters of biblical faith and godly living: "Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup." (1 Cor 11:28). Therefore, prior to celebrating Communion, we ask that you prayerfully consider the following:

- \* Do I believe I'm a sinner without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy offered through the death & resurrection of Jesus Christ?
- \* Do I believe Jesus is present with His Body & His Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine?
- \* Do I believe Jesus is God's Son & my Savior?
- \* Do I desire, by the power of the Holy Spirit and the instruction of God's Word, to live a life pleasing to Him?
- \* Do I repent of my sins in what I say, think, & do?

We believe your "Yes!" to these questions affirms a common faith with confirmed Lutheran Christians and is your invitation to our Lord's Table. Non-Communing children and adults are encouraged to come up for a personal blessing. For those who prefer, white grape juice is available at the center of each Communion tray.