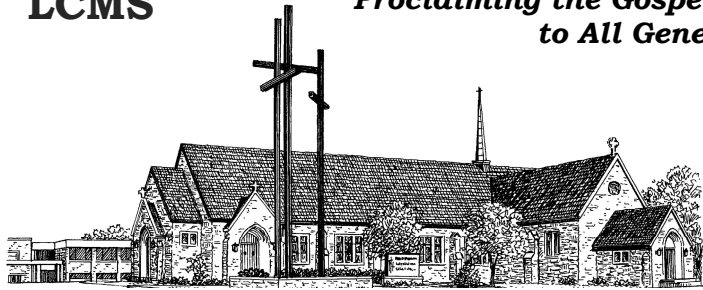


Redeemer Lutheran Church

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THE 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, May 4, and
Sunday, May 5, 2024

WELCOME! We ask that all worshipers sign an attendance card. Members may hand their cards to an usher. Guests, please hand your card to the Pastor as he greets you by the door. If you are interested in membership at Redeemer, please speak to one of the Pastors.

PARENTS OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS: Here at Redeemer, we strive to help parents as they accompany their children’s walk with Christ. We encourage families of all ages to worship with us. We understand that there are times when children’s attention spans falter. To assist parents, we have activity bags located in each narthex. We have a nursery with an audio-video feed located in the southeast corner of the lower level of the church. A diaper changing station is in the nursery as well as in the main narthex bathroom and the women’s bathroom on the lower level. If you have any questions, please ask an usher to assist you. At 9:45AM on Sunday, we also provide Sunday School in the Family Education Center for children from preschool through high school.

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LARGE PRINT BULLETINS WITH HYMNS are available in the main narthex.

LISTENING DEVICES are available for those who need assistance in hearing the service. Please speak to the Elder on duty (main narthex) if you need one.

PLEASE RESPECT the prayerful atmosphere of this holy place. We ask you to turn off all cell phones and electronic devices. Thank you!

DID YOU FORGET your offering envelope? Extra envelopes are located in the pew pockets and in the tract rack of each narthex.

PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office (402-477-1710 or valerie.coleman@redeemerlincoln.org) or write it on your attendance card.

HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated at all services this weekend. All communicants should sign the Communion registration side of an attendance card. A common participation in the Altar of Christ assumes a common unity of faith and doctrine. We therefore ask that all guests who are not in fellowship with the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod contact one of the pastors prior to the Divine Service before presenting themselves at the altar for the Holy Communion. If you are not communing this day but wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest as you kneel at the communion rail. Thank you!

PREPARE FOR THE LORD’S SUPPER! As St. Paul admonishes us, we should always prepare ourselves before receiving the Lord’s Supper (I Cor. 11:28-29). A helpful thing we can do in our preparation is...

- read the **Christian Questions with Their Answers.**
(see LSB, pages 329-330)

THE PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: *May the love You have for us, O Lord, transform our hearts. May we be more open to caring for the needs of our family and friends. And may we be more committed to developing deeper relationships with our fellow followers. In Your name we pray. Amen.*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

(LSB, pp. 151-166)

THE PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PREPARATION

THE HYMN: 556 – “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”

Stanzas 1-5



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re-joice, With ex-ul-ta-tion
2 Fast bound in Sa-tan's chains I lay; Death brood-ed dark-ly
3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or mer-it
4 But God had seen my wretch-ed state Be-fore the world's foun-
5 God said to His be-lov-ed Son: "It's time to have com-



spring-ing, And with u-nit-ed heart and voice And ho-ly
o'er me. Sin was my tor-ment night and day; In sin my
gain-ing; Free will a-gainst God's judg-ment fought, Dead to all
da-tion, And mind-ful of His mer-cies great, He planned for
pas-sion. Then go, bright jew-el of My crown, And bring to



rap-ture sing-ing, Pro-claim the won-ders God has done, How
moth-er bore me. But dai-ly deep-er still I fell; My
good re-main-ing. My fears in-creased till sheer de-spair Left
my sal-va-tion. He turned to me a fa-ther's heart; He
all sal-va-tion. From sin and sor-row set them free; Slay



His right arm the vic-t'ry won. What price our ran-som cost Him!
life be-came a liv-ing hell, So firm-ly sin pos-sessed me.
on-ly death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suf-fered.
did not choose the eas-y part But gave His dear-est trea-sure.
bit-ter death for them that they May live with You for-ev-er."

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(Please stand for the last stanza)

THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P (Pastor): In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C (Congregation): Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE KYRIE (Chanted; LSB, pp. 152-153)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise

let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: “This is the Feast” (*LSB, p. 155*)

All: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE SALUTATION (*Spoken*)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

All: O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

THE FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-48

P: The First Reading for the Sixth Sunday of Easter is from the 10th chapter of Acts.

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

⁴⁴While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days. (ESV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL (*Spoken*)

P: Christ has risen from the dead.

C: [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.

P: He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

C: he has put all things under his feet. (ESV)

THE EPISTLE: 1 John 5:1-8

P: The Epistle is from the 5th chapter of 1st John.

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. (ESV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

THE VERSE (*Sung; LSB, p. 156*)

All: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 15th chapter.

C: (*Sung*) Glory to You, O Lord.

⁹[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit

should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another.” (ESV)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (*Sung*) Praise to You, O Christ.

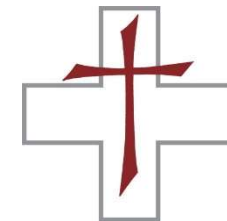
THE NICENE CREED

All: I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose Kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one Holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(Please be seated)



THE HYMN OF THE DAY: 556 – “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice” Stanzas 6-10



6 The Son o - beyed His Fa - ther's will, Was born of vir - gin
7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and
8 "Though he will shed My pre - cious blood, Me of My life be -
9 "Now to My Fa - ther I de - part, From earth to heav'n as -
10 "What I on earth have done and taught Guide all your life and



moth - er; And God's good plea - sure to ful - fill, He came to
cas - tle. Your ran - som I My - self will be; For you I
reav - ing, All this I suf - fer for your good; Be stead - fast
cend - ing, And, heav'n - ly wis - dom to im - part, The Ho - ly
teach - ing; So shall the king - dom's work be wrought And hon - ored



be my broth - er. His roy - al pow'r dis - guised He bore; A
strive and wres - tle. For I am yours, and you are Mine, And
and be - liev - ing. Life will from death the vic - t'ry win; My
Spir - it send - ing; In trou - ble He will com - fort you And
in your preach - ing. But watch lest foes with base al - loy The



ser - vant's form, like mine, He wore To lead the dev - il cap - tive.
where I am you may re - main; The foe shall not di - vide us.
in - no - cence shall bear your sin, And you are blest for - ev - er.
teach you al - ways to be true And in - to truth shall guide you.
heav'n - ly trea - sure should de - stroy; This fi - nal word I leave you."

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THE SERMON

Title: "Our Good Friend"

Text: John 15:15

(Please stand)

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

(At the conclusion of each petition, the Pastor will say, "Lord, in your mercy." The congregation should then respond, "Hear Our Prayer.")

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

THE OFFERING

(Please stand)

THE OFFERTORY *(Sung; LSB, pp. 159-160)*

All: What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Heavenly Gardener, You have grafted us onto hearty rootstock – the branch of Your Son.

C: Help us, now, to bear much fruit. Accept these, the first fruits of our labor.

P: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PREFACE *(Chanted; LSB, p. 160)*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb,

who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS (*Sung; LSB, p. 161*)

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sins and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew and strengthen us with your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Spoken*)

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: 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

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and

said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

THE PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI (*Sung; LSB, p. 163*)

All: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.
(*Please be seated*)

THE DISTRIBUTION AND THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS



A Prayer before receiving the Sacrament

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

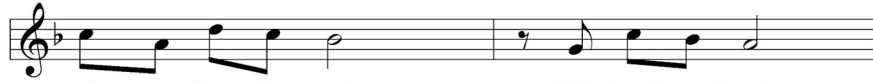
A Prayer after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the Holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal, through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

THE HYMN: 629 - "What Is This Bread"



1 What is this bread? Christ's bod - y
 2 What is this wine? The blood of
 3 So who am I, That I should
 4 Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By
 5 Is this for me? I am for -



ris - en from the dead: This bread we break,
 Je - sus shed for mine; The cup of grace
 live and He should die Un - der the rod?
 Word and prom - ise clear, In mouth and soul
 giv - en and set free! I do be - lieve



This life we take, Was crushed to pay for our re -
 Brings His em - brace Of life and love un - til I
 My God, my God, Why have You not for - sak - en
 He makes us whole— Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this
 That I re - ceive His ver - y bod - y and His



lease. O taste and see— the Lord is peace.
 sing! O taste and see— the Lord is King.
 me? O taste and see— the Lord is free.
 meal. O taste and see— the Lord is real.
 blood. O taste and see— the Lord is good.

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THE HYMN: 602 - "The Gifts Christ Freely Gives"



1 The gifts Christ free - ly gives He gives to you and me
 2 The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;
 3 The gifts of grace and peace From ab - so - lu - tion flow;
 4 The gifts are there each day The ho - ly Word is read;



To be His Church, His bride, His cho - sen, saved and free!
 New life He gives that makes Us His and His a - lone.
 The pas - tor's words are Christ's For us to trust and know.
 God's chil - dren lis - ten, hear, Re - ceive, and they are fed.



Saints blest with these rich gifts Are chil - dren who pro - claim
 Here He for - gives our sins With wa - ter and His Word;
 For - give - ness that we need Is grant - ed to us there;
 Christ fills them with Him - self, Blest words that give them life,



That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.
 The tri - une God Him - self Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.
 The Lord of mer - cy sends Us forth in His blest care.
 Re - stor - ing and re - fresh - ing Them for this world's strife.

5. The gifts are in the feast,
 Gifts far more than we see;
 Beneath the bread and wine
 Is food from Calvary.
 The body and the blood
 Remove our ev'ry sin;
 We leave His presence in
 His peace, renewed again.

6. All glory to the One
 Who lavishes such love;
 The triune God in love
 Assures our life above.
 His means of grace for us
 Are gifts He loves to give;
 All thanks and praise for His
 Great love by which we live!

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THE HYMN: 770 - "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour-aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

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(Please stand)

THE GENERAL DISMISSAL

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C: Amen.

THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (*Sung; LSB, p. 164*)

All: Thank the Lord and sing His praise; Tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

THE POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Let us pray.

P: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who

lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION (*Chanted; LSB, p. 166*)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give ✠ you peace.

C: Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER

THE THREE CHIMES

(Please be seated)

THE POSTLUDE

SERVING US TODAY

Liturgist & Celebrant: Pastor Joel A. C. Dietrich

Preacher: Pastor Mark H. Ebert

Organist: Joe Herl

Acolytes: 6:00PM – Matthew Bradley

8:30AM – Joel Peterson & Joaquim Tapimo

11:00AM – Noah Krzycki

Chancel Guild: Terry Walker & Stacey Wiltshire

Sheila Garrison & Anne Hargreaves

Shelly Mikus & Paulette Milem

Elder on Duty: 6:00PM – Kurt Brandt

8:30AM – Philip Wohlgemuth

11:00AM – Doug Garrison

Greeters:

6:00PM

8:30AM

11:00AM

Main

Marty & Karla Jarvis

Mike & Sandie Smith

Cindy Stevens

West

Kevin & Julie Bachman

Orv & Elizabeth Behrens

Head Usher:

6:00PM – Tim Davis

8:30AM – H. Joe Weyand

11:00AM – Tonya Syslo

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THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*The Lord Jesus Is with His Church in the Apostolic
Ministry of the Gospel*

The crucified and risen Lord Jesus is with His Church through the word of His apostles, who “are witnesses of all that he did.” He was anointed by God “with the Holy Spirit and with power,” and “he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil,” and so He was with those whom He sent “to preach to the people” (Acts 10:38–42). The Holy Spirit is bestowed on those who hear that apostolic preaching, who are “baptized in the name of Jesus Christ,” so that “everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name” (Acts 10:43–44, 48). For as He came by the water of His Baptism, even to the blood of His Passion, so the Spirit testifies to the truth with “the water and the blood” in the apostolic ministry of the Gospel (1 John 5:6–7). By these means, Christ Jesus speaks to us, that His joy may be in us and that our “joy may be full.” For this purpose, He appointed the apostles to “go and bear fruit” in order to make known His divine friendship to us (John 15:11, 15–16).

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND, May 11 & 12:

• Acts 1:12–26 • 1 John 5:9–15 • John 17:11b–19

Prepare to worship by reading and meditating on these sections of Scripture.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by:



- ❖ Marshall & Valerie Coleman in celebration of Hannah Connot’s birthday on May 2nd and Joseph Connot’s birthday on May 5th.
- ❖ Rebecca Krejci in celebration of Andy’s birthday on May 8th.

THE BULLETIN today is given to the glory of God by Don & Bev Scheerger in celebration of Don’s 95th birthday on May 6th.

OPEN DATES AND NUMBER OF BOUQUETS available to sponsor the chancel flowers for June 2-1, 9-1; July 7-1, 14-2, 21-1, 28-2. The cost of each bouquet is \$30. To reserve a date, please contact the church office. **Please return the black liner pot to the church office within a week.**

OPEN DATES TO SPONSOR THE BULLETIN: May 12; June 2, 9, 30; July 21, 28. The cost of bulletin sponsorship is \$25. To reserve a date, please contact the church office.

REHABILITATION: Ruth Rodenburg (Southlake Village)



OUR RESPONSE TO THE REDEEMER LAST WEEKEND

Worship Attendance: 335 (28-150-157)

Sunday School & Bible Classes Attendance: 32 (27-5)

Online Service Stream: 117

	<u>Unified Budget Receipts</u>	<u>Budget Needs</u>	<u>Ahead (Behind)</u>
4/28/24	\$19,106.25	\$18,202.35	\$903.90
YTD	\$336,999.92	\$309,439.88	\$27,560.04

Mites for Missions Collected in April: \$71.36

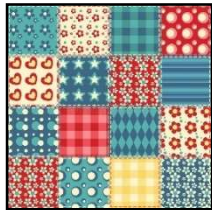
Celebration Sunday – June 23rd

To God I Say, “You Are My Lord”

Redeemer will celebrate Pastor Ebert’s faithful service on **Sunday, June 23**, with a meal at the UNL East Campus Student Union following a 10:00AM Divine Service on the occasion of his upcoming retirement.

- Attendance is free but an RSVP is requested to ensure adequate tables and food.
- RSVP via a sign-up sheet in each narthex.
- *****Donations towards event expenses can be designated as “Celebration Sunday.”**
- Photos of Pastor Ebert (baptisms, weddings, silly photos, etc.) in addition to personalized video greetings and messages may be uploaded via the church’s website (look for the link on the homepage under “Celebration Sunday”) or simply email to Chris Cassel at chris@novajareth.com. They will be compiled and only shared with Pastor Mark and Kayla Ebert.
- Contact Be Magdanz for more information.

The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance. [Psalm 16:6]



LWML - WOR Spring General Meeting All Women are Invited!

**Thursday, May 16, 6:30PM,
Church Fellowship Hall**

Topic: Mercy Quilts

Speaker: Linda Beth Hoke

All women are invited, and all are invited **to bring a few of your own personal quilts for display!** (Be sure to put a note on it with any history and your name.) **Come and enjoy an evening of fun!**

RUTH CIRCLE #2 will not meet in May (May 9). Please plan to attend the WOR Spring General Meeting on May 16th.

Bible Studies & Topics

Come Grow With Us!



PASTOR EBERT’S SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS is studying “**The Gospel for the Day**” for the corresponding Sunday. Class meets from 9:45-10:45AM in the Fellowship Hall.

PASTOR DIETRICH’S SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS is studying the “**Extra Nos: Discovering Grace outside Myself**” by Flame. Class meets from 9:45-10:45AM in FEC Room 200.



THE YOUNG ADULTS’ SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS is studying “**The Mighty & The Mysterious: A Study of Colossians**” by Heidi Goehmann. Class meets at 10:00AM in the FEC Conference Room.

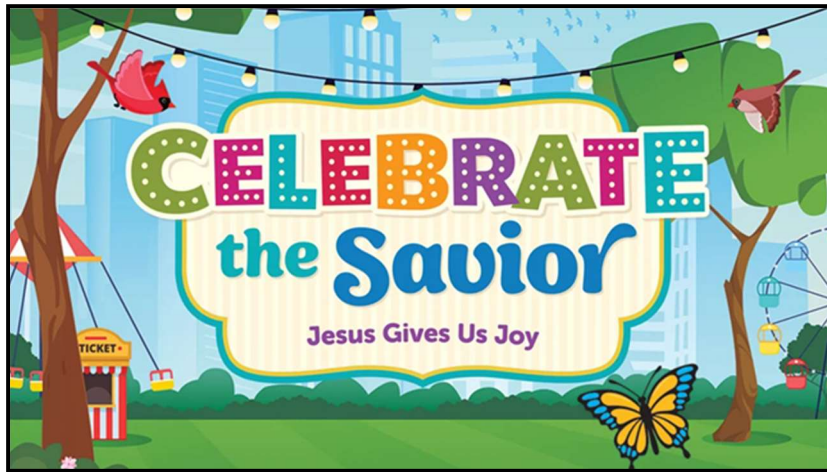
THE WEDNESDAY MORNING WOMEN’S BIBLE CLASS is studying the topic “**1st and 2nd Peter.**” Class meets from 9:30-10:30AM in the FEC Conference Room.

THE COUPLES’ BIBLE STUDY is studying “**Dare to be Different**” by Stephen D. Hower. Group typically meets the 1st & 3rd Fridays of the month at 7:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. Facilitated by Daryl & Doralee Bell. *Watch the Cross Talk each month for specific dates.*

THE YARN JUNKIES BIBLE STUDY typically meets the 1st Saturday of the month at Tonya Syslo’s home from 9:30-11:30AM. They are currently studying “**Chosen: A Study of Esther**” by Donna Snow. Includes Breakfast with Coffee & Tea! *Watch the Cross Talk each month for specific date & location.*



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



JUNE 3-7, 2024

Online registration is now open!



VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!



Help make "Celebrate the Savior" VBS a success! Volunteers are the heart and soul of Vacation Bible School, allowing the sharing of Christ's love with all children. Adults and youth (sixth grade and older) can sign up to volunteer for various roles, whether leading kids or behind the scenes. Full and part-time week volunteer opportunities are available. VBS for volunteers is Mon-Fri, June 3-7, 8:30AM-12:15PM. Contact DCE Rod Lane (dcerod@redeemerlincoln.org, 402-499-0807) if you have an interest or for more info.



It's time to renew and recertify. CPR recertification courses allow you to refresh your memory, renew your skills, and stay current on the latest techniques.

Who should renew? Redeemer ushers, elders, Sunday school teachers/staff, and youth/family volunteers. The church covers the cost and it can be done online at home as it fits your schedule. AED training will be provided at a later date.

Recently, the Safety Committee reviewed practices in partnership with Redeemer's Board for Education and felt after four years, it was time to offer recertification. Please consider signing up by calling or texting Amy Schmidt (402-432-8528) or contact the church office. **Registration is open on Monday, April 22, and will close on Monday, May 13.**

Mother's Day Diaper Drive

Redeemer's Board for Human Care would like to celebrate Mother's Day for the entire month of May again by collecting diapers and wipes for the Pregnancy Center. The center is always in need of diapers/wipes and has requested newborn and 4-5 size diapers, but any size diaper will be greatly appreciated. A tote in the coat room will be clearly marked for donations. If you have any questions, please call Julie Bachman at 402-488-4959. Thank you!



Save-the-Date

Redeemer Family Campout

Sept. 27-29 (Fri-Sat)

Pawnee Lake

In the Lakeview campground area.



Ascension Day Worship

Thursday, May 9, 6:30PM

*Worship the crucified, risen
and ascended Redeemer!*



Burger Madness!

Join us for Burger Madness before Ascension Day Worship on Thursday, May 9th. This time of food and fellowship will take place from 5:00-6:00PM. Cost is \$7 p/person. Dining options include hamburger, cheeseburger, or hotdog basket served with chips, and option of a root beer/orange float. Event will take place in the Fellowship Hall. You may also opt to get your food to go.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO HELP

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

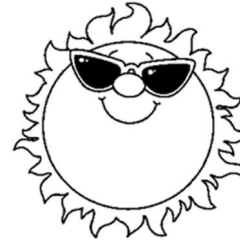
Please contact DCE Rod Lane

Seeking Summer Sunday School Volunteers



Sunday School—It's a special time and place where children learn the Good News of Jesus Christ! We are looking for a few adults who would like to serve

intermittently through the summer, which lasts ten weeks. Please get in touch with DCE Rod Lane if you would like to work with children this summer (402-499-0807, dcerod@redeemerlincoln.org).



Summer Sunday School

Ages 3 thru 4th grade

2-yr-olds are welcome when accompanied by an adult family member.

May 26 – August 11

Praise • Prayer • Singing • Games
Crafts • Snacks • Puppets • More!

Lead by Deb Geisler and middle school & high school volunteers.

**Middle & High School Youth:
Please contact Deb Geisler if you would
like to help with Summer Sunday School.**

Sunday School Topic - May 5th

ASK YOUR CHILD WHAT THEY LEARNED TODAY!

Enduring Exile: Israel Goes into Exile, 2 Kings 17

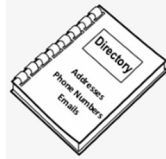
Today, we will study "Enduring Exile." Despite constant warnings, the Israelites continue in their idolatry. Because of this, God allows the king of Assyria to capture the Israelites and carry them into exile. The king resettles Samaria with other peoples, who bring with them their own false gods. When wild lions begin killing these immigrants, the king sends for an Israelite priest, hoping to appease God. But the people continued to sacrifice to idols—confusing the worship of the Lord with worshiping false gods. This is the beginning of the Samaritans.

TO GIVE AN OFFERING ONLINE, use this QR code to easily get to the Redeemer donation webpage. You can also go to redeemerlincoln.org and click on the "Giving" icon at the top of the page.



ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2023 are now available in the track rack in each narthex. You may also pick one up from the church office.

DIRECTORIES FOR 2024 ARE NOW AVAILABLE. They are located in each narthex. Remember these directories are for the use of our members only. One per household, please.



SOAP COLLECTION: The Women of Redeemer (WOR) are collecting bar soap for missions in the months of **March, April, and May**. Please leave donations in the plastic tub marked "Soap" in the main narthex coat room. Thank you!

MESSIAH LUTHERAN IS HIRING SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS & CLASSROOM AIDES for their early childhood and elementary school teams. Elementary aides assist teachers with grading, recess, classroom projects, and other tasks. They generally work 4 hours each day. Contact Matt Stueber or Rachel Hinze for more info (402-489-3024).



Caregiver Support Group at Redeemer

Redeemer is looking to start a Caregiver Support Group. The group offers a blend of presentations, resources, and support ministries tailored specifically for caregivers of sick, aging, and disabled adults. Led by experienced social worker Kristeen Faimon, MSW, and supported by DCE Rod Lane, this group is a safe space for you to share your journey and find solace in the company of others who understand. To kickstart this invaluable resource, we need to hear about your interest and/or commitment to this group. Please get in touch with DCE Rod Lane at 402-499-0807 or via email at dcerod@redeemerlincoln.org. Rest assured; **all information shared will be kept in the strictest confidence.**

REGISTRATION → www.lincolnlutherancamps.com

1100 N. 56TH ST

DISCOVERY CAMPS

Lincoln Lutheran hosts engaging Discovery camps for ALL children entering grades 3-8.

SUMMER 2024

May 5 – 12

Sun 5	8:30 & 11:00AM-Divine Services with Holy Communion 9:45AM-Sunday School/Bible Classes (FEC & Fellowship Hall) 10:00AM-Young Adult Bible Class (FEC Conference Room)
Mon 6	11:30AM-Staff Meeting (FEC Conference Room) 4:30PM-LWML Board Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Tue 7	9:30-10:30AM—Weekday Communion (Main Narthex) 7:00PM-Redeemer Bells (Balcony) 7:00PM-Board for Youth (FEC Room 107)
Wed 8	9:30AM-Women’s Bible Study (FEC Conference Room) 2:30PM-Caregiver Support Group (FEC Room 200) 3:45-6:30PM-Confirmation Party (Urban Air Trampoline Park, 2840 S 70 th) 6:00PM-Instrumental Rehearsal (TBD) 7:00PM-Redeemer Choir (Sanctuary Choir Loft)
Thur 9	Pastor Ebert’s Day Off 5:00-6:00PM-Burger Madness (Fellowship Hall) 6:30PM-Ascension Day Worship
Fri 10	Pastor Dietrich’s Day Off
Sat 11	DCE Rod Lane’s Day Off 8:30AM-Music Committee (FEC Conference Room) 9:30AM-Chancil Guild (FEC Room 200) 6:00PM-Divine Service
Sun 12	8:30 & 11:00AM-Divine Services 9:45AM-Sunday School/Bible Classes (FEC & Fellowship Hall) 10:00AM-Young Adult Bible Class (FEC Conference Room)