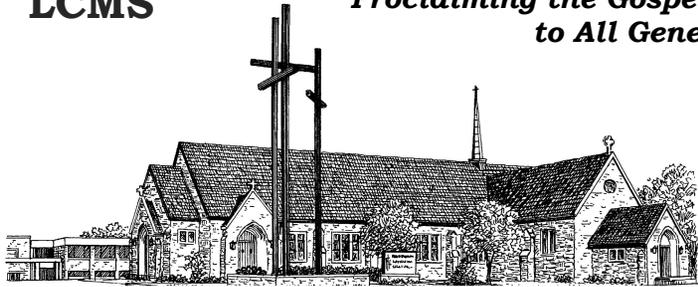


Redeemer Lutheran Church

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THE DAY OF PENTECOST

***Saturday, May 18, and
Sunday, May 19, 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 some of the **penitential Psalms** (Psalm 51, 32, 130, etc.).
(see LSB, Page 1 and following)

THE PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: *Speak to us now, Holy Spirit, in ways that we can understand. And inspire us to speak to others of Your love in ways that are meaningful to them. May the messages we exchange with one another continue to excite and encourage us in our beliefs in You. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

(LSB, pp. 203-212)

THE PRELUDE: “Come, Down Lord” (Stan Pethel) – The Redeemer Choir

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PREPARATION

THE HYMN: 905 – “Come, Thou Almighty King”



1 Come, Thou al - might - y King, Help us Thy
2 Come, Thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred
△ 4 To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal



name to sing; Help us to praise; Fa - ther all -
might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and Thy
wit - ness bear; In this glad hour! Thou, who al -
prais - es be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - reign



glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
peo - ple bless, And give Thy Word suc - cess,
might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart,
maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see,



Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
And let Thy righ - teous-ness On us de - scend.
And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

(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: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Almighty God,

C: have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 (Sung; LSB, p. 204)

(Organist introduces tune)

All: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: “Gloria in Excelsis” (Sung; LSB, p. 204)

**All: To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Good-will from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;

O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.

**Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—**

**For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

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, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; 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 OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14

P: The Old Testament Reading for The Day of Pentecost is from the 37th chapter of Ezekiel.

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had

come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD." (ESV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL *(Spoken)*

P: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,

C: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy.

P: With the heart one believes and is justified,

C: and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. (ESV)

THE EPISTLE: Acts 2:1-21

P: The Epistle is from the 2nd chapter of Acts.

¹ When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not

all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” ¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ “‘And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; ¹⁸ even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹ And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ (ESV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

THE VERSE (*Sung; LSB, p. 205*)

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th & 16th chapters.

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

^{15:26} [Jesus said:] “When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. ²⁷ And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning. . . .

^{16:4b} “I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵ But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

¹² “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.” (ESV)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (*Spoken*) 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 CHOIR ANTHEM: “Come, O Creator Spirit, Come” (Josquin Des Prez) – The Redeemer Choir

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: 497 – “Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord, With all Your grac - es
 2 Come, ho - ly Light, guide di - vine, Now cause the Word of
 3 Come, ho - ly Fire, com - fort true, Grant us the will Your



now out-poured On each be - liev - er's mind and heart;
 life to shine. Teach us to know our God a - right
 work to do And in Your ser - vice to a - bide;



Your fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the
 And call Him Fa - ther with de - light. From ev - 'ry
 Let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by Your



bright-ness of Your light In ho - ly faith Your Church u - nite;
 er - ror keep us free; Let none but Christ our mas - ter be
 pow'r pre - pare each heart, And to our weak-ness strength im - part



From ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry tongue This to Your
 That we in liv - ing faith a - bide, In Him, our
 That brave - ly here we may con - tend, Through life and



praise, O Lord, our God, be sung: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Lord, with all our might con - fide. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 death to You, our Lord, as - cend. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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THE SERMON

Title: “The Spirit of Truth”

Text: John 15:26-27

(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 PRAYER

P: Lord, You have gifted us, that we may bring You gifts.

C: We offer them to You. We offer them to Your world.

P: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PREFACE *(Spoken; LSB, p. 208)*

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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who ascended above the heavens and, sitting at Your right hand, poured out on this day the promised Holy Spirit on His chosen disciples. For all this the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy. Therefore 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. 208*)

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;

Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.

Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;

Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Spoken*)

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 \times 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 \times 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. 210*)

All: O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world away;

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,

Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world away;

Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,

And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(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: 633 – “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
 2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - umphant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

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| <p>5. Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie; You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!</p> <p>6. Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall; You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!</p> | <p>7. Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy; From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!</p> <p>8. Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!</p> |
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(Please stand for last stanza then be seated)

THE HYMN: 501 – “Come Down, O Love Divine”



1 Come down, O Love di - vine; Seek Thou this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, Till world - ly pas - sions turn
 3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty Mine out - ward ves - ture be
 4 And so the yearn - ing strong, With which the soul will long,



And vis - it it with Thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 To dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 And low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—
 Shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near; With - in my heart ap - pear,
 And let Thy glo - rious light Shine ev - er on my sight,
 True low - li - ness of heart, Which takes the hum - bler part,
 No soul can guess His grace Till it be - come the place



And kin - dle it, Thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 And clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 And o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
 Where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes His dwell - ing.

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THE HYMN: 768 – “To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray”



1 To God the Ho - ly Spir - it let us pray
 2 O sweet - est Love, Your grace on us be - stow;
 3 Tran - scen - dent Com - fort in our ev - 'ry need,
 4 Shine in our hearts, O Spir - it, pre - cious light;



For the true faith need - ed on our way
 Set our hearts with sa - cred fire a - glow
 Help us nei - ther scorn nor death to heed
 Teach us Je - sus Christ to know a - right

Hymn continued on next page.



That He may de - fend us when life is end - ing And from
 That with hearts u - nit - ed we love each oth - er, Ev - 'ry
 That we may not fal - ter nor cour - age fail us When the
 That we may a - bide in the Lord who bought us, Till to



ex - ile home we are wend - ing. Lord, have mer - cy!
 strang - er, sis - ter, and broth - er. Lord, have mer - cy!
 foe shall taunt and as - sail us. Lord, have mer - cy!
 our true home He has brought us. Lord, have mer - cy!

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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. 211)*

**All: O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,
 For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
 A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
 The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
 All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;
 For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
 God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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 BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION *(Spoken; LSB, p.212)*

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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: (Spoken) Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER

THE THREE CHIMES

(Please be seated)

THE POSTLUDE: "Onward Christian Soldiers" - The Redeemer Ensemble

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SERVING US TODAY

Liturgist & Celebrant: Pastor Joel A. C. Dietrich

Preacher: Pastor Mark H. Ebert

Organist: Joe Herl

Instrumental Ensembles Director: Holly Guilford

Choir Director: Kathy Ohlman

Choir: The Redeemer Choir

The Redeemer Ensemble:

Violin: Peter Jorgensen / String Bass: Sam Ludwig

Flute: Kim Jorgensen / Clarinet: Joyce Wolff

Alto Saxophone: Andrew Guilford

Trumpet: Holly Guilford, Joshua Guilford

Horn: Marinda Kolar, Tami Kolar

Trombone: Tanner Clark, Darla Grieser, Matthew Guilford

Acolytes: 6:00PM – Carter Beougher

8:30AM – Axel Anderson & Mer Dak

11:00AM – Jackson Doele & Brooke Plahn

Chancel Guild: Gayle Bartels & Sandie Smith

Paulette Milem & Betsy Peterson

Shelly Mikus & Cindy Stevens

Elder on Duty: 6:00PM – Rick Hargreaves

8:30AM – Lorenz Hoffart

11:00AM – Darrel Hopkins

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| Greeters: | Main | West |
| 6:00PM | Rick & Kathy Nobbe | |
| 8:30AM | Valerie Coleman | Joseph & Hannah Connot |
| 11:00AM | Jim Otte | Susann Hilderbrand |
| Head Usher: | 6:00PM – Russell Krieser | |
| | 8:30AM – Jerry Knoche | |
| | 11:00AM – Mike Greenwald | |

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, May 25 & 26:

• Isaiah 6:1–8 • Acts 2:14a, 22–36 • John 3:1–17

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

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



- ❖ Jeff & Barb Bedke in thankfulness for 23 years of marriage on May 19th.
- ❖ Galen & Ann Reinke in honor of their grandson, Drake Reinke, who will be graduating from UNL with majors in biology and psychology and a minor in biochemistry.

THE BULLETIN today is given to the glory of God by Mark & Emily Geisler on the occasion of the 3rd anniversary of Abigail’s survival from her fall.

OPEN DATES AND NUMBER OF BOUQUETS available to sponsor the chancel flowers for June 9-1, 30-1; July 7-1, 14-2, 21-1, 28-2; August 4-1, 11-2, 18-2. 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: June 2, 9; July 21, 28; August 4, 11, 18. The cost of bulletin sponsorship is \$25. To reserve a date, please contact the church office.

REHABILITATION:

Ruth Rodenburg (Southlake Village)
Carol Ann Smith (Tabitha)



OUR RESPONSE TO THE REDEEMER LAST WEEKEND

Worship Attendance: 304 (44-143-118)

Sunday School & Bible Classes Attendance: 94 (30-64)

Online Service Stream: 63

| | <u>Unified Budget Receipts</u> | <u>Budget Needs</u> | <u>Ahead (Behind)</u> |
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| 5/12/24 | \$15,634.10 | \$18,202.35 | (\$2,568.25) |
| YTD | \$375,804.15 | \$345,844.58 | \$29,959.57 |

Ascension Day Attendance: 83

Offering: \$707.68

< **NEWS & NOTES** >

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

The Holy Spirit Brings the Dead to Life by the Righteousness of Christ

In returning to His Father by way of the cross and resurrection, Christ Jesus sends “*the Helper*” to His Church, that is, “*the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father.*” The Spirit testifies of Christ and glorifies Him by taking what is His and declaring it to the world in the preaching of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (John 15:26; 16:7, 14). He convicts the world of sin by the word of the Law, He forgives sins and justifies sinners by the Word of the Gospel, and He bestows the faith that says “Amen” to this righteousness of God (John 16:8–11). Therefore, the Lord pours out His Spirit on the apostles, that by their preaching, the Spirit should be given to His entire Church. As the multitudes are gathered from all the nations by “*this sound,*” that is, by the preaching of “*the mighty works of God*” in Christ Jesus, so does God the Father pour out the Spirit of His Son “*on all flesh*” (Acts 2:6, 11, 17). The Lord God breathes upon the slain, and so shall they live; for so the Lord has spoken, and He shall do it (Ezek. 37:5–14).

THE BOARD OF ELDERS will meet on **Monday, May 20, at 6:45PM** in the Fellowship Hall.

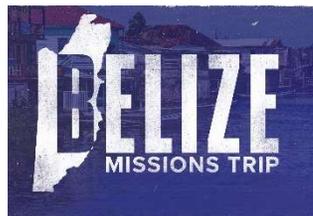
THE CHURCH COUNCIL will meet on **Monday, May 20, at 7:45PM** in the Fellowship Hall. All Council members should plan to attend or call the church office (402-477-1710) to be excused. A tentative agenda is posted on the bulletin board near the north entrance to the main narthex.

Financial Statements



Financial statements for January – April 2024 are now available. Help save on postage by picking up your statement. They are located in the main narthex. The ones that are not picked up will be mailed out at the end of May. Please check your statements. If you have any questions, contact Financial Secretary Sheila Garrison (402-477-1710 or sheila.garrison@redeemerlincoln.org).

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.



Belize Mission Trip Presentation Sunday, June 9, 9:45AM, Fellowship Hall

Join us to hear from some of the Belize Mission Trip team as they share about their trip in April to Belize.

Mites for Missions

Today WOR is collecting Mites for Missions (coins and bills) for the work of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League. (This takes place the 3rd Sunday of each month.) Please bring your loose change to the box in either narthex. **For the month of April, WOR collected \$71.36. Thank you!**



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.) may be submitted by email to chris@novajareth.com. They will be compiled and only shared with Pastor Mark and Kayla Ebert.
- Personalized video greetings and messages may be *easily* submitted at tribute.co/rev-mark-h-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]



Adult Baptism

Andrew Scherbarth will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism after the 11:00AM service this Sunday, May 19th. *May the Lord keep Andrew in his baptismal grace!*



Vacancy Senior Pastor

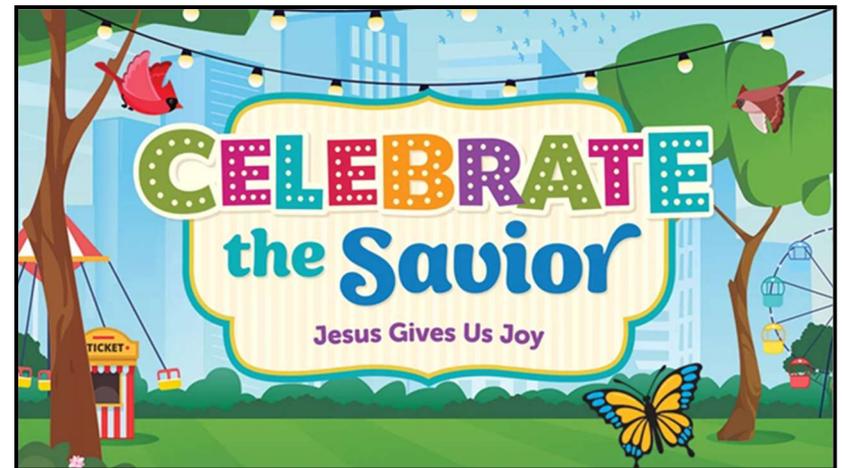
After recent discussions with church staff, the Personnel Committee developed a **Vacancy Senior Pastor** job description seeking to provide supervision and leadership of Redeemer's staff during the Senior Pastor vacancy so that there is a continuation of the mission and ministry during the vacancy with as little disruption as possible.

We are grateful to **Pastor Fandrey** who agreed to serve as Vacancy Senior Pastor beginning **Monday, May 20, 2024**. He will be accountable to the Personnel Committee and his responsibilities will include:

- Work with Redeemer's staff and membership to see that current policies and procedures are followed until a new Senior Pastor is installed.
- Meet weekly with the office staff and see that devotions are held (including timely prayer concerns), a review of the upcoming week's activities is conducted, and reports are shared by individual staff members.
- Meet regularly with Pastor Dietrich to go over preacher and liturgist schedule, hymn selections, proposed orders of worship, and seasonal worship series (Advent, Lent, etc.).
- Along with Pastor Dietrich, make any necessary hospital calls and homebound visits (with Holy Communion).
- Along with Valerie Coleman and / or Susan Behrens, review any proposed publications (weekly bulletin, Cross Talk, etc.).
- Attend Board of Elders, Church Council, and voter meetings.
- Teach adult Bible class that meets in the Fellowship Hall when Andrew Bloch or another lay leader is unavailable.
- Cover pastoral duties during the absence of Pastor Dietrich (vacation, sickness, etc.).

Please contact the church office for a copy of the job description and direct questions to **Kurt Brandt**, Chair of the Personnel Committee.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



JUNE 3-7, 2024

Online registration is now open!
Deadline is Wednesday, May 29th



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.



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!



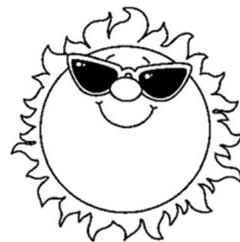
Caregiver Support Group at Redeemer

Redeemer has started 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. If you are interested or have questions, please get in touch with DCE Rod Lane (402-499-0807 or dcerod@redeemerlincoln.org). Rest assured; **all information shared will be kept in the strictest confidence.**



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 19th

ASK YOUR CHILD WHAT THEY LEARNED TODAY!

The Restoring King: King Josiah – 2 Kings 22

As we gather today, we will study "The Restoring King." Josiah becomes king of Judah at only eight years old. During the eighteenth year of his reign, Josiah begins the restoration of the temple. When they clean the temple, Hilkiah, high priest and Josiah's faithful teacher, discovers the Book of the Law. Hearing the words of the Law, Josiah tears his clothes in repentance and directs Hilkiah to inquire of the Lord concerning the people. The Lord responds, telling Josiah that because of his penitent heart He will hold back the disaster from Josiah's kingdom.

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!

WOR-LWML Collecting Hygiene Products

During **June, July, and August**, the Women of Redeemer are collecting Hygiene products for the **Culler Middle School** boys and girls. Suggested items are: deodorant, soap, feminine products, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, body wash – any items that boys and girls could use for personal hygiene. Place your items in the marked bin in the coat room. WOR thanks you for your contribution!



Lincoln Lutheran Hiring

NOW HIRING FOR THE FOLLOWING COACHES:

HS HEAD GIRLS GOLF COACH

HS HEAD JV/VARSITY ASSISTANT GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH

MS ASSISTANT CROSS COUNTRY COACH

MS ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACH

MS ASSISTANT GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH

MS ASSISTANT BOYS BASKETBALL COACH

Lincoln Lutheran is seeking qualified individuals to coach. Qualified candidates will be ready to serve in a Christ—centered program that is built on four pillars—Faith, Fun, Fundamentals, and Future. Interested candidates should contact Lincoln Lutheran Activities Director, Dan Masters (dmasters@lincoln.org or 402-467-5404).



Lincoln Lutheran Clothing Give-Away ~Donations Needed~

It is time for the Lincoln Lutheran summer clothing giveaway which will take place in the LL commons on **Saturday, June 1st, from 9:00AM-3:00PM**. They have just 3 weeks to collect items. Please consider donating your gently used clean clothing, shoes, coats, bedding, towels, children's books (NO adult books please), toys, and kitchenware as soon as possible. If you are able, it helps when you bag items by general size and gender and label the bags. Drop off donated items **at Lincoln Lutheran during office hours**. The Lincoln community benefits greatly from the items that you donate. Contact the Lincoln Lutheran office with questions at 402-467-5404.

Lincoln Lutheran Giving Event



May 19 – 26

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| Sun 19 | 8:30 & 11:00AM-Divine Services with Holy Communion LWML Mites for Missions 9:45AM-Sunday School/Bible Classes (FEC & Fellowship Hall) 10:00AM-Young Adult Bible Class (FEC Conference Room) Afternoon (TBD) – Call Committee Meeting (FEC Room 200) |
| Mon 20 | 11:30AM-Staff Meeting (FEC Conference Room) 6:45PM-Board of Elders (Fellowship Hall) 7:45PM-Church Council (Fellowship Hall) |
| Tue 21 | 9:30-10:30AM—Weekday Communion (Main Narthex) 1:00-3:30PM-Orphan Grain Train (4817 N 56 Street) |
| Wed 22 | 9:30AM-Mercy Quilts (Fellowship Hall) 9:30AM-Women’s Bible Study (FEC Conference Room) |
| Thur 23 | Pastor Ebert’s Day Off 12:30PM-Assemble Cross Talk (FEC Room 200) |
| Fri 24 | Pastor Dietrich’s Day Off |
| Sat 25 | DCE Rod Lane’s Day Off 6:00PM-Divine Service |
| Sun 26 | 8:30 & 11:00AM-Divine Services 9:45AM-Sunday School/Bible Classes (FEC & Fellowship Hall) 10:00AM-Young Adult Bible Class (FEC Conference Room) |