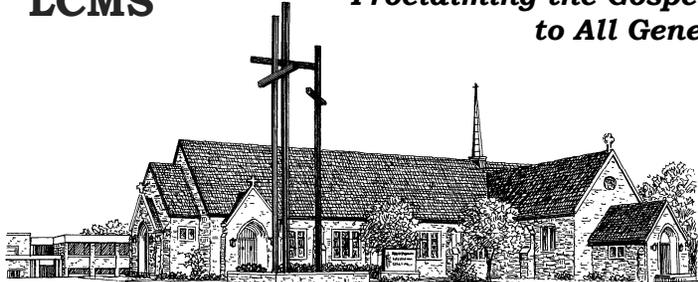


Redeemer Lutheran Church

LCMS

*"Proclaiming the Gospel
to All Generations"*



510 S. 33rd St - Lincoln, NE 68510 - 402-477-1710

***THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Saturday, July 11, and
Sunday, July 12, 2020.***

WELCOME! May the Lord bless your time in this place! We ask that all worshippers sign an attendance card and place it in the appropriate box in the narthex. If you are not a member of Redeemer and are **interested in becoming a member**, please contact one of the Pastors.

PARENTS OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS: During this time we will **temporarily close** the nursery space off from playing activities. The nursery toys and children's activity bags have been stored away. The nursery should only be used for mothers who are nursing and diaper changing needs. A diaper changing table is also available in the main narthex bathroom. Thank you for your understanding. When it is safe to resume to normal activities, the nursery toys and the activity bags will return. (As approved by the Church Council, the Cry Room will soon be converted to the new Audio-Visual Control Room for our ongoing streaming capabilities.)

LITURGY & HYMNS: Today's liturgy is Divine Service, Setting Four, from Lutheran Service Book (LSB), Copyright 2006 Concordia Publishing House. The hymns are from Lutheran Service Builder. Reprinted/used by permission.

PLEASE WEAR YOUR FACE MASK at all times, removing it only to receive Holy Communion. *Remember, "Wearing a mask is not just about you; it's also about your neighbor."*

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 tract rack of each narthex.

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

THE PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: *Giver of the Word, grant to us receptive hearts. May what You have said sink deep inside of us. May what You have started in us be brought to completion. And may what You have done continue to flourish and grow by Your grace. In Your name we pray. Amen.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

(LSB, pp. 203-212)

THE PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PREPARATION

THE HYMN: 901 – “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so
3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en; Let me keep Thy
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be

en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,
du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed,
gift di - vine, How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en;
done in - deed. May I un - dis - turbed draw near Thee

Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed
There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O
Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, So that all I
May Thy Word still o'er me shine As my guid - ing
While Thou dost Thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the

is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!
en - ter Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!
hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.
star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.
foun - tain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

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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: From the Word which God has sown, a harvest will be gathered in.

C: But hardened ground and rocks and thorns all struggle to suppress God's Word.

P: “My Word shall not return to me empty,” says the Lord. “It shall accomplish the thing for which I sent it.”

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

P: So let the seed be sown.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Lord of the living harvest:

C: we confess that we have sinned. In our thinking, speaking, doing--proper fruit has not been borne. Your final harvest fills our hearts with fear. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive our sins, remove our guilt, inspire our hearts--that we may bear fruit and yield thirty...sixty...and a hundredfold.

P: "My Word shall accomplish the thing for which I sent it," says the Lord. Like a grain of wheat buried in the earth, Jesus Christ was given into death for you. And He has borne abundant fruit! In Him there is forgiveness, life, and resurrection from the dead. By Him we are redeemed and set at liberty. Your sins are forgiven.

C: How great the harvest God provides! Amen.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE INTROIT *(Spoken)*

P: The LORD is merciful and gracious,

C: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

P: As for man, his days are like grass;

C: he flourishes like a flower of the field;

P: for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,

C: and its place knows it no more.

P: But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,

C: and his righteousness to children's children,

P: to those who keep his covenant

C: and remember to do his commandments.

P: The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,
C: and his kingdom rules over all.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: The LORD is merciful and gracious,
C: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. (ESV)

THE KYRIE (*Spoken; LSB, p.204*)

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: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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: Isaiah 55:10–13

P: The Old Testament Reading for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost is from the 55th chapter of Isaiah.

¹⁰ “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹² “For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the LORD,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.” (ESV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL (*Spoken*)

P: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
C: How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

P: For from him and through him and to him are all things.
C: To him be glory forever. Amen. (ESV)

THE EPISTLE: Romans 8:12–17

P: The Epistle is from the 8th chapter of Romans.

¹² So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. (ESV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

THE VERSE *(Spoken)*

All: Alleluia. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Alleluia. (ESV)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.

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

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶ but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ He who has ears, let him hear.”

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¹⁸ “Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown

along the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³ As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.” (ESV)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(Please be seated)

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

(Children should remain in their pew during the Children’s Message.)



THE HYMN OF THE DAY: 577 - "Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast"



1 Al - might - y God, Your Word is cast Like
2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe This
3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares The
4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, Life -



seed in - to the ground; Now let the dew of
ho - ly seed re - move, But give it root in
ris - ing plant de - stroy, But let it yield a
giv - ing grace be - stow That all whose souls the



heav'n de - scend And righ - teous fruits a - bound.
ev - 'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.
hun - dred - fold The fruits of peace and joy.
truth re - ceive Its sav - ing pow'r may know.

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THE SERMON

Title: "Why Bother"

Text: Isaiah 55:10-13 & Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

THE OFFERING

(Please stand)

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: We are the recipients of Your Word, O God.

C: It has taken root in our hearts. It has grown, by Your grace.

P: Accept what we offer, O God--

C: the first fruits of the promised harvest.

P: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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.

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

(Please be seated)

THE CLOSING HYMN: 921 - "On What Has Now Been Sown"



1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;
2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;
3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,



The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou
Ac - cept what is Thine own And par - don what is ours. Our prais -
May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -



in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!
es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless - ing give.
low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

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(Please stand)

THE COLLECT

P: Let us pray.

P: Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people,

that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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

SERVING US TODAY

Liturgist: Pastor Mark H. Ebert

Preacher: Pastor Joel A. C. Dietrich

Organist: Joe Herl

Children's Message: DCE Rod Lane

Acolytes: 6:00PM – Shyann Severson

8:30AM – Rose Jorgensen & Lexie Kreizel

11:00AM – Seth Walrod & Ellie Syslo

Chancel Guild: Sharon Crosier

Elder on Duty: 6:00PM – Rick Hargreaves

8:30AM – Keith Stoneman

11:00AM – Daryl Bell

Head Usher: 6:00PM – Doug Russell

8:30AM – Melissa Dey

11:00AM – Phil Baker

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< **NEWS & NOTES** >

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Preaching of the Word of Christ

Bears the Good Fruits of Faith and Love

As “*the rain and the snow come down from heaven*” and “*water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout*” (Is. 55:10), so the Word of God accomplishes the purpose for which He speaks it, granting joy and peace through the forgiveness of sins and producing the fruits of faith and love in those who are called by His name. Christ Jesus, the incarnate Word, has established the name of the Lord as “*an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off*” (Is. 55:13). He opens our ears to hear, our minds to understand and our hearts to believe His Word, lest the evil one come and snatch it away. He thus transforms our rocky hearts into good soil, which clings to the Gospel and “*indeed bears fruit*” (Matt. 13:23). He is Himself the firstfruits of all who “*have received the Spirit of adoption as sons*” (Rom. 8:15). Thus being “*led by the Spirit of God,*” we are not afraid, but we cry out in faith to our Father in heaven (Rom. 8:14–15). For as we suffer with Christ, the beloved Son, so shall we “*also be glorified with him*” (Rom. 8:17).

THE BULLETIN today is given to the glory of God by Anita Smith in loving memory of her husband, Mert.

OPEN DATES AND NUMBER OF BOUQUETS available to sponsor the chancel flowers for July 19-1; August 16-2, 23-1, 30-2; Sept. 6-2, 13-2, 20-1, 27-2. The cost of each bouquet is \$25. To place an order, please call the church office. **Please remember to return the black liners to the office.**

OPEN DATES TO SPONSOR THE BULLETIN: July 19; August 16; Sept. 6. The cost of bulletin sponsorship is \$25 per Sunday or special service. To reserve a date, please call the church office.

REHABILITATION: Alan Gruhn (Madonna, Omaha); Don Pohlmann (Tabitha)

HOSPICE: Marian Radford (Tabitha); Gerald Wolvin (Home)

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to the family and friends of John Haase. John was called to eternal rest on Thursday morning, July 9th. A graveside service will be held on Tuesday, July 14, at 2:00PM at Lincoln Memorial.

PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office (402-477-1710 or secretary@redeemerlincoln.org).

SCRIPTURE READINGS for July 18 & 19

Isaiah 44:6-8

Romans 8:18-27

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

OUR RESPONSE TO THE REDEEMER LAST WEEKEND

Worship Attendance: 155 (30-70-55)

Sunday School & Bible Classes Attendance: 10*

Online Service Stream: 140**

7-5-20	\$14,776.30	\$16,974.17	(\$2,197.87)
YTD	\$439,277.41	\$458,302.67	(\$19,025.26)

**Middle/High School via Zoom.*

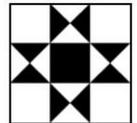
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WOR CIRCLE MEETINGS: Please check with your circle leader to confirm if your circle will be meeting for July or not.

LWML "GIFTS FROM THE HEART INGATHERING": This year for the Ingathering for the LWML Convention they will be doing gift cards (from Walmart or Visa). Please drop off the cards in the offering box in the main narthex or mail to the church by August 3rd. Place in a sealed envelope and write "LWML Ingathering Convention Donation" on the envelope. Funds will go to local agencies and Orphan Grain Train.

PROJECT MERCY SEWING will be starting up again Wednesday, July 22nd, in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome! Please wear your face mask.



THE NEXT QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING is **Monday, July 20th, at 7:00PM in the Sanctuary.** Voting members who are unable to attend should call the office to be excused (402-477-1710). A tentative agenda will be posted on Saturday, July 18th, on the bulletin board near the north entrance to the main narthex. Please wear your face mask.

Re-Opening Guidelines

- As you came into the church, you had opportunity to use some hand sanitizer and pick up a face mask (if needed). Other items available include bulletins and unused attendance cards. If you brought a completed attendance card, you could deposit that card along with your offering in the wooden box.
- Please maintain social distancing at all times.
- At the end of the service, please take your bulletin and other materials with you. If you completed an attendance card during the service, **do not** hand it to an usher, but leave it on the table in the main narthex.
- **Please wear your face mask at all times, especially while singing!** Remember, "Wearing a mask it not just about you; it's also about your neighbor."
- For the present time, parts of the liturgy will be spoken and we may sing only selected stanzas of each hymn.
- At the end of the service, **please remain in your pew** until you are ushered out, starting with the back of the main nave and the west wing. You are welcome to use the side aisles when leaving.
- If you wish to visit with others after church, please go outside rather than remaining indoors. Do not re-enter the building (until one of next weekend's services).
- The Pastors will not greet at the door before or after the service. As always, you are welcome to contact them by phone or email.
- Please remember to **register online (redeemerlincoln.org) or call in each week** to register for a service the following weekend.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility!

Church Service Registration

Seating is limited to 100 per service.
(75 - Main Sanctuary; 25 - Fellowship Hall)

Due to limited seating, all people are asked to register weekly in one of the following ways:

- **REGISTER ONLINE** at our website **redeemerlincoln.org**.
Those who are comfortable with registering online are encouraged to use this method to help the office manage the process more efficiently.
- **OR**
- Call the church office (402-477-1710).

Registration is open from 8:00AM Monday thru 4:00PM Friday for the following Sunday.
Services will fill first-come, first serve.

(You must register each week for the upcoming Sunday and may not register ahead of time for the rest of the Sundays.)

Online Video Stream of Service

A live video stream of the 8:30AM worship service for each Sunday along with a printable bulletin is available on the church's website at www.redeemerlincoln.org.

**We are excited that this is now
a permanent part of our ministry!**



Consider sharing the Gospel message with friends or family members by forwarding our website link to them to view our Sunday service.

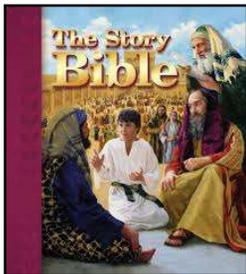
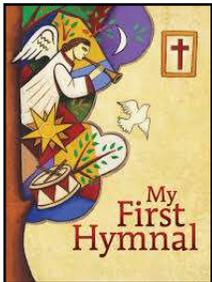
LIVE RECORDINGS: On Sunday, June 7, at the 8:30AM service, we had our first live broadcast of a service. Up until that time, the services were recorded on Saturday mornings, edited (adding pre-recorded organ and vocal music), and then put up for viewing beginning the next day.

Several people have commented that the volume of the live broadcast seems low or weak, especially for the music (organ and vocal).

We are in the process of moving and/or installing some new equipment. We hope to improve this aspect of the live recordings. Please be patient with us as we deal with this very new part of our ministry.

Some folks have also asked about being able to hear more congregational singing. While we plan to install another microphone to help pick this up, please understand that with people wearing masks (something needed especially during singing) and seating arrangements that follow social distancing guidelines, it is quite understandable that the singing will not be as usual.

Won't heaven be great where all things will be perfect?



New Children's Devotion Resource!

Attention Redeemer Families. We have recently produced a new resource for you to use for devotions at home with your children. This booklet follows the 3-year lectionary as closely as possible and incorporates using Concordia Publishing House's "My First Hymnal" (CD also available) and "The Story Bible". An instructional video will be made available soon for you to view as well as a sign-up sheet for the purchasing of the books and/or CD with music.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Dietrich (pastor.dietrich@redeemerlincoln.org or 402-477-1710).

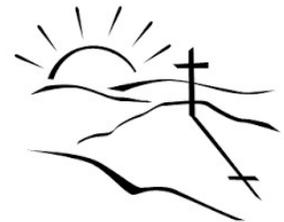
Email News from Redeemer



The church is periodically sending out updates via email to the members of the congregation, "Notes from Pastor Ebert's Desk". The Cross Talk including the calendar and youth news are included in this email at the end of the month. **If we do not have an email on file for you, and you would like to be included, please contact the church office or write it on your attendance card.** If we already have your email, there is no need to contact us. You should have automatically been included and are receiving the emails. *If you no longer wish to receive a paper copy of the Cross Talk in the mail, please let the office know (susanb@redeemerlincoln.org, 402-477-1710).*

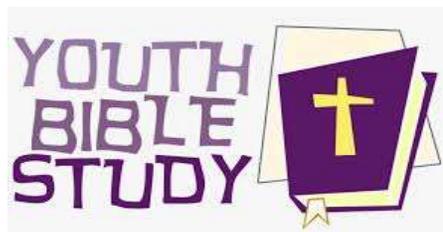
Start Your Morning Right with God's WORD

The new edition of **Portals of Prayer**, for July - September, is now available in each narthex and the FEC entrance. Taking a few minutes to read one of these brief devotions each morning, is a great way to start off your day!



"MAIN STREET LIVING" is a Lutheran television program that is endorsed by the Nebraska District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. **The program is broadcast on KLKN, the ABC network affiliate channel 8, in Lincoln on Sunday morning, starting at 10:00AM.** The first 30 minutes are remastered episodes of the popular "This is the Life" series that was very popular in the 70's and 80's. The second half of the program is an abbreviated Lutheran worship service that features a different Pastor each week. For more information, visit their website www.mainstreetliving.com.





PRESCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL

This summer, our Sunday School students will explore **3 in 1: Discovering Our Triune God**. Each of the weekly Bible stories helps students discover something about our triune God. What will we discover? Where did the world come from? Are angels real? Is Jesus really God? What does the Holy Spirit do for us? These answers will be unveiled to us week by week as we discover together just who the Trinity is. Sunday School Superintendent, Mrs. Jill Walrod, will email lessons to you each Sunday. If you would prefer to have weekly lessons made into a packet and receive all lessons at once, including your own student leaflet, please contact DCE Rod Lane at dcerod@redeemerlincoln.org.

Topic—July 12: Today in Sunday School, students explore “Jesus Is True Man: Jesus Is Born.” Children will learn how God sent His Son, Jesus, to be born on earth so He could keep the Law for them and also be able to suffer and die in their place. Consider discussing, “*How was the birth of Jesus a fulfillment of God’s promises?*”

Topic—July 19: In today’s Sunday School lesson, “Jesus Is True God: Jesus Rebukes the Storm,” children will learn how Jesus is the true God who stilled the storm. Families could discuss, “*How does Jesus continue to do the works of God in our lives?*”

Topic—July 26: “Jesus Is Our Savior: Jesus Suffers and Dies” is the title of this week’s Sunday School lesson. Students will discuss how Jesus has redeemed them though they are lost and condemned creatures. Consider asking, “*Why was the death and resurrection of Jesus necessary?*”

Topic—August 2: Today’s Sunday School lesson explores, “Jesus Is Our Lord: Jesus Ascends to Heaven.” Students will learn that after Jesus descended into hell and rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven to prepare a place for all believers. Families could discuss, “*What does it mean to you that Jesus has gone to prepare a place for us?*”

“LIFE IN BIBLE TIMES” - NOW FOR GRADES 4-8!

Join us on Zoom on Sundays at 9:45AM! Parents – you will receive a Zoom key each week.

First century Christians lived in a world much different from ours. Learning about how they lived can help us understand the Bible better. *In John 8:12 Jesus says, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness.”*

Now, Imagine yourself in Bible times. What would it have been like to walk somewhere at night? No street lights, no cars with headlights, and houses were lit with small olive oil lamps. Now think about that verse again.

But we’re not going to just talk about it. You’ll also get to experience it. This summer you’ll each get to make an olive oil lamp, write in Hebrew, do a little weaving, and much more. Join us on Sunday’s with DCE Deb Geisler!

HIGH SCHOOL ZOOM BIBLE CLASS EACH SUNDAY!

Weekly study is at 9:45AM led by DCE Rod. Parents are emailed a Zoom key each week. If you are late, no problem - or if you have to leave early, no problem. Join us for distance fellowship, friendship, and building your knowledge about Jesus our Savior.

New 6-week topic starts July 12th!

Courage That Defies Death: A Bible Study for Youth

It takes a lot of courage to live in today's world as a teenager: confidence in school, confidence to stand up to bullies, confidence to make the correct play in sports, and even the confidence to proclaim Christ as King. Who are our youth looking to for role models in courage? How can they find courage through Christ again in their increasingly busy lives?

Courage that Defies Death shows youth that they can be, and should be, courageous because of Christ's courage on the cross. Each of the six lessons follows a Biblical figure—Ruth, Rahab, Jacob, David, Daniel, or Stephen—on their courage journeys and how they found the strength to stand by their faith. Parents, please encourage your youth to be a part of this journey.

Stewardship Thought The Importance of Giving



Jesus told us: *“Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation”* (Mark 16:15). It is our duty and joy as believers in Christ to spread the holy Word of salvation so that others can enjoy eternity with us. To obey this command requires money. Our churches and those who serve in the church need funds for ministry. Missionaries must be trained and sent into the field. Television and radio programs require money so the gospel can reach those who otherwise would not receive it. Food and clothing must be provided to the poor so that they will be able to be receptive to the good news of the Gospel. How are they to receive this money? The Apostle Paul wrote, *“On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper...”* (1 Corinthians 16:2). May God help us to give joyfully and generously.

Prayer: Father, You make it possible for me to earn money. Help me to acknowledge that You are the source of all that I have. Encourage me to return a portion of what You entrust to me to help others and to extend Your kingdom. Amen.

Blessings on your journey as a steward!

Give Generously – Experience the Joy!



July 12-19

Sun 12	8:30 & 11:00AM-Divine Services 9:45AM-Zoom Sunday School, Grades 4-12
Mon 13	11:30AM-Staff Meeting (FEC Conference Room)
Tue 14	
Wed 15	6:30PM-Board for Youth (FEC Room 200)
Thur 16	7:00PM-Board for Outreach (Zoom) Pastor Ebert's Day Off
Fri 17	Noon-Cross Talk News Deadline Pastor Dietrich's Day Off
Sat 18	6:00PM-Divine Service with Holy Communion LWML Mite Collection DCE Rod Lane's Day Off
Sun 19	8:30 & 11:00AM-Divine Services with Holy Communion LWML Mite Collection 9:45AM-Zoom Sunday School, Grades 4-12