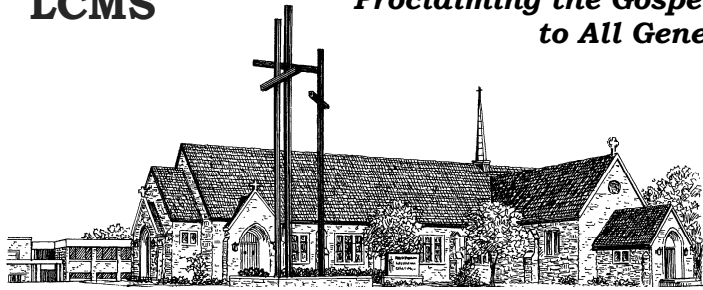


Redeemer Lutheran Church

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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER **Saturday, May 15, and** **Sunday, May 16, 2021.**

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.

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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."*

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.

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.

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

HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated at all services this weekend in continuous style. 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. Thank you!

THE PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: *You have made us one, O Lord--one in purpose, one in mission, one in spirit, and one in faith. Help us to remain united in our ministry and bonded by our beliefs as we continue to serve You and one another. In Your name we pray. Amen.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP *(LSB, pp. 151-166)*

THE PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PREPARATION

THE HYMN: 644 – “The Church’s One Foundation”



1 The Church's one foun-da-tion Is Je-sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E-lect from ev-'ry na-tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der The world sees her op-pressed,
4 Through toil and trib-u-la-tion And tu-mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth has u-nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre-a-tion By wa-ter and the Word.
Her char-ter of sal-va-tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
By schisms rent a-sun-der, By her-e-sies dis-tressed,
She waits the con-sum-ma-tion Of peace for-ev-er-more
And mys-tic sweet com-mu-nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho-ly bride;
One ho-ly name she bless-es, Par-takes one ho-ly food,
Yet saints their watch are keep-ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
Till with the vi-sion glo-rious Her long-ing eyes are blest,
O bless-ed heav'n-ly cho-rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
And to one hope she press-es With ev-'ry grace en-dued.
And soon the night of weep-ing Shall be the morn of song.
And the great Church vic-to-rious Shall be the Church at rest.
That we, like saints be-fore us, May see You face to face.

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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 SALUTATION *(Spoken)*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

All: O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

THE FIRST READING: Acts 1:12-26

P: The First Reading for the 7th Sunday of Easter is from the 1st chapter of Acts.

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴ All these with one accord were devoting themselves to

prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷ For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ¹⁸ (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹ And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰ “For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

“‘May his camp become desolate,
and let there be no one to dwell in it’;
and
“‘Let another take his office.’

²¹ So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” ²³ And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴ And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles. (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 5:9-15

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

⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him. (ESV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

THE VERSE (*Spoken*)

All: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Alleluia. (ESV)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 17:11b-19

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17th chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] ^{11b} “Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.” (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 HYMN OF THE DAY: 539 - "Christ Is the World's Redeemer"



1 Christ is the world's Re - deem - er, The lov - er of the pure,
2 Christ has our host sur - round - ed With clouds of mar - tyrs bright,
3 Down through the realm of dark - ness He strode in vic - to - ry,
△ 4 Glo - ry to God the Fa - ther, The un - be - got - ten One,



The font of heav'n-ly wis - dom, Our trust and hope se - cure,
Who wave their palms in tri - umph And fire us for the fight.
And at the hour ap - point - ed He rose tri - um - phant-ly.
All hon - or be to Je - sus, His sole - be - got - ten Son,



The ar - mor of His sol - diers, The Lord of earth and sky,
Then Christ the cross as - cend - ed To save a world un - done
And now, to heav'n as - cend - ed, He sits up - on the throne
And to the Ho - ly Spir - it— The per - fect Trin - i - ty.



Our health while we are liv - ing, Our life when we shall die.
And, suf - f'ring for the sin - ful, Our full re - demp - tion won.
Whence He had ne'er de - part - ed, His Fa - ther's and His own.
Let all the worlds give an - swer: A - men! So let it be.

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THE SERMON

Title: "My Identity Influences My View of Others."

Text: Acts 10:9-33

⁹ The next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray. ¹⁰ And he became hungry and wanted something to eat, but while they were preparing it, he fell into a trance ¹¹ and saw the heavens opened and something like a great sheet descending, being let down by its four corners upon the earth. ¹² In it were all kinds of animals and reptiles and birds of the air. ¹³ And there came a voice to him: "Rise, Peter; kill and eat." ¹⁴ But Peter said, "By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean." ¹⁵ And the voice came to him again a second time, "What God has made clean, do not call common." ¹⁶ This happened three times, and the thing was taken up at once to heaven.

¹⁷ Now while Peter was inwardly perplexed as to what the vision that he had seen might mean, behold, the men who were sent by Cornelius, having made inquiry for Simon's house, stood at the gate ¹⁸ and called out to ask whether Simon who was called Peter was lodging there. ¹⁹ And while Peter was pondering the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men are looking for you. ²⁰ Rise and go down and accompany them without hesitation, for I have sent them." ²¹ And Peter went down to the men and said, "I am the one you are looking for. What is the reason for your coming?" ²² And they said, "Cornelius, a centurion, an upright and God-fearing man, who is well spoken of by the whole Jewish nation, was

directed by a holy angel to send for you to come to his house and to hear what you have to say.”²³ So he invited them in to be his guests.

The next day he rose and went away with them, and some of the brothers from Joppa accompanied him.²⁴ And on the following day they entered Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends.²⁵ When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him.²⁶ But Peter lifted him up, saying, “Stand up; I too am a man.”²⁷ And as he talked with him, he went in and found many persons gathered.²⁸ And he said to them, “You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit anyone of another nation, but God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean.²⁹ So when I was sent for, I came without objection. I ask then why you sent for me.”

³⁰ And Cornelius said, “Four days ago, about this hour, I was praying in my house at the ninth hour, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing³¹ and said, ‘Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms have been remembered before God.³² Send therefore to Joppa and ask for Simon who is called Peter. He is lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea.’³³ So I sent for you at once, and you have been kind enough to come. Now therefore we are all here in the presence of God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord.”

(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: Heavenly Father, through the suffering, death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ,

C: we have been bought with a price.

P: We do not belong to the world.

C: We are Yours.

P: Accept these offerings--

C: they are gifts to You from Your own people.

P: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

THE COMMUNION COLLECT

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: 637 – "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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THE HYMN: 651 – "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"



1 I love Your king - dom, Lord, The place of Your a - bode,
2 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize its heav'n - ly ways,
3 I love Your Church, O God, Your saints in ev - 'ry land,
4 For them my tears shall fall; For them my prayers as - cend;
5 Sure as Your truth shall last, To Zi - on shall be giv'n



The Church our blest Re - deem - er saved With His own pre - cious blood.
Its sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, Its hymns of love and praise.
Dear as the ap - ple of Your eye And grav - en on Your hand.
For them my cares and toils be giv'n Till toils and cares shall end.
The bright - est glo - ries earth can yield And bright - er bliss of heav'n.

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THE HYMN: 701 – “Draw Us to Thee”



1 Draw us to Thee, For then shall we Walk in Thy
2 Draw us to Thee, Lord, lov - ing - ly; Let us de -
3 Draw us to Thee; O grant that we May walk the
4 Draw us to Thee That al - so we Thy heav'n - ly
5 Draw us to Thee Un - ceas - ing - ly, In - to Thy



steps for - ev - er And has - ten on Where Thou art
part with glad - ness That we may be For - ev - er
road to heav - en! Di - rect our way Lest we should
bliss in - her - it And ev - er dwell Where sin and
king - dom take us; Let us for - e'er Thy glo - ry



gone To be with Thee, dear Sav - ior.
free From sor - row, grief, and sad - ness.
stray And from Thy paths be driv - en.
hell No more can vex our spir - it.
share, Thy saints and joint heirs make us.

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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 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 *(Spoken; 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: Pastor Mark H. Ebert

Celebrant: Pastor Joel A. C. Dietrich

Preacher: Pastor B. Keith Haney

Organist: Joe Herl

Acolytes: 6:00PM – Hattie Bennett

8:30AM – Kolt Fiddler & Sam Ludwig

11:00AM – Lynne Ficke & Rose Jorgensen

Chancel Guild: Cindy Stevens & Stacey Wiltshire

Judy Weyand

Heidi Bokelmann & Judy Weyand

Elder on Duty: 6:00PM – Bill Arneson

8:30AM – Dave Crist

11:00AM – Brent Bolte

Head Usher: 6:00PM – Doug Russell

8:30AM – Terry Magdanz

11:00AM – Andy Krejci

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

- ❖ Lori Safford and Kurt & Sharon Brandt in honor of Pauline Brandt who is celebrating her 90th birthday on May 16th.
- ❖ Mick & Tonya Syslo in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary on May 18th.



THE BULLETIN today is given to the glory of God by Jeff & Barb Bedke in thankfulness for their 20 years of marriage on May 19th.

OPEN DATES AND NUMBER OF BOUQUETS available to sponsor the chancel flowers for June 6-2, 20-1, 27-2; July 4-2, 11-1, 18-1, 25-1. The cost of each bouquet is \$25. To place an order, please call the church office. **Please remember to return the black liner pot to the office.**

OPEN DATES TO SPONSOR THE BULLETIN: May 23, 30; June 6, 13; July 25. The cost of bulletin sponsorship is \$25 per Sunday or special service. To reserve a date, please call the church office.

HOSPITALIZED: Keith Milem (UNMC)

REHABILITATION: Delores Haberman (Eastmont); Dale Lange (Tabitha); Les Roberts (Old Cheney Rehab)

HOSPICE: Donna Grant (Independence House); Marian Radford (Tabitha)

THE BOARD OF ELDERS will meet on **Monday, May 17, at 6:45PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a mask to wear.**

THE CHURCH COUNCIL will meet on **Monday, May 17, 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. **Please bring a mask to wear.** A tentative agenda is posted on the bulletin board near the north entrance to the main narthex.



< NEWS & NOTES >

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Our Great High Priest Preserves Us in the Name of His Father

On the eve of His Passion, Christ Jesus intercedes for the disciples as their merciful and great High Priest. He prays that His Father would protect them “*from the evil one*” and preserve them in His name (John 17:11–12, 15). Along with His prayer, Christ Himself comes to the Father by His self-sacrifice upon the cross, thereby consecrating Himself for the sake of His disciples, “*that they also may be sanctified in truth*” (John 17:19). To that same end, He speaks to them in the world and gives them His Father’s Word, that is, Himself. His apostles, in turn, have written these things “*to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life*” (1 John 5:13). For “*this life is in his Son,*” whom He has given by His Word, and “*whoever has the Son has life*” (1 John 5:11–12). By this apostolic testimony, disciples are gathered together “*with one accord,*” as one Body in Christ, “*devoting themselves to prayer*” and waiting upon the Lord in “*the upper room*” of His Church on earth (Acts 1:13–14).

OUR RESPONSE TO THE REDEEMER LAST WEEKEND

Worship Attendance: 287 (45-124-118)

Online Service Stream: 85*

Weekday Communion: 0

Sunday School & Bible Classes Attendance: 81 (33-48)

	<u>Unified Budget Receipts</u>	<u>Budget Needs</u>	<u>Ahead (Behind)</u>
5/9/21	\$16,304.70	\$17,145.19	(\$840.49)
YTD	\$304,790.73	\$325,758.65	(\$20,967.92)

*Number of views online as of 5/13/21.

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS for next weekend, May 22 & 23:

• Ezekiel 37:1–14 • Acts 2:1–21 • John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for January–April will be going out in the mail later this week. If you have any questions, please contact Financial Secretary Sheila Garrison in the church office (402-477-1710 or sheila.garrison@redeemerlincoln.org).



Help Needed - Vacation Bible School!

Rod is looking for **ADULTS** (and youth who have completed 6th grade and above) to assist with this summer's Vacation Bible School. Help is needed in all areas: decorating, station leaders, music, set-up work, and more. If you have an interest in helping, Rod has a spot for you! Do not miss out on this great opportunity to serve. Contact DCE Rod Lane (dcerod@redeemerlincoln.org or 402-499-0807).

Pastor B. Keith Haney

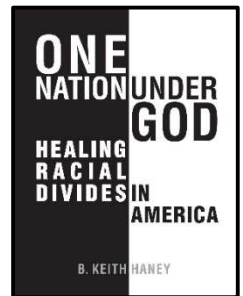
Guest Pastor – May 15 & 16



Last Fall and Winter DCE Rod Lane & Pastor Dietrich led Bible studies using the book “One Nation Under God: Healing Racial Divides in America” written by LCMS Pastor B. Keith Haney, assistant to the President of Iowa District West. We decided to use this study considering the racial tensions that have been plaguing our

nation. Both youth and adults are seeing, responding to, and facing these issues. The Church should indeed speak to these issues and proclaim the truth of God's love during these times to a nation and world that desperately needs to hear it.

We are pleased to announce that this weekend, May 15 & 16, the Rev. B. Keith Haney will be guest preacher for all services here at Redeemer. Pastor Haney will also be leading a joint Bible class on Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall for our adults and high schoolers that will reflect on our Bible Class that was based on his book. We pray for true healing for all people in this world which is found only in Christ Jesus our Lord. Please join us for this time of learning and reflection.



Our thanks to Pastor Haney for his sermon and presentation.

Donations for Lincoln Pregnancy Center

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 Lincoln Pregnancy Center. The center is always in need of diapers/wipes and has requested newborn and size 4-5 diapers, but any size diapers will be greatly appreciated. In addition, the center is requesting small health care items for the mothers such as lotion, etc. A tote or box 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!



New Financial Secretary

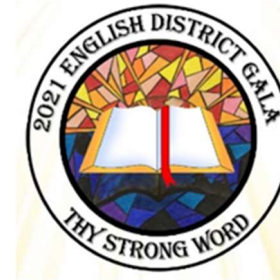
Members of Redeemer,
The Personnel Committee is pleased to announce that Sheila Garrison is our new Financial Secretary. Sheila has been a member of Redeemer for over 29 years. She is the wife of Doug Garrison, and the mother of Nathan and Jacob Garrison. Sheila started her work on May 3 and is working alongside Cindy Dull for 2 weeks to learn the details of this position. If you need to speak to Sheila, she **plans to work on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 7:30AM to 3:00PM**. Her email address is sheila.garrison@redeemerlincoln.org. If you see Sheila, please welcome her to our staff.

-Kurt Brandt, Chairman of the Personnel Committee

Sheila replaces Cindy Dull who has served as financial secretary for the past six years. Our thanks to Cindy for her excellent service to our church. Our prayers are that the Lord would bless her as she enjoys her retirement.



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 \$143.40. Thank you!



ENGLISH DISTRICT VIRTUAL GALA Sunday, June 13

Join the English District on June 13, at 6:30PM Central Standard Time, for the Virtual Gala—**THY STRONG WORD**. There will be inspiring speakers, award presentations, opportunities to donate, an online auction, a celebration of our missions, and beautiful music. Visit the English District website (englishdistrict.org) to register and for more information.



Join DCE Rod Lane for a watch party here at church in FEC Room 200. Hors d'oeuvres will be served. The Gala features our very own Redeemer Hand Bell Choir. Join us for a time of fellowship while we enjoy the Gala.

RETURNING ATTENDANCE CARDS: In order to help worshippers in returning attendance cards, a designated container has been provided in each narthex. Grab a card on your way into church, fill it out before or after the service, and drop it in the box on the way out.

WHEN PARKING YOUR VEHICLE, please be sure to pull up to the line in front of your vehicle. Please also avoid parking along the curb on the west side of the north lot. This helps with traffic flow in our parking lot.



LUTHERAN SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

(GRADES K-12): Applications for tuition assistance for the 2021-22 school year are now available. If you need a set and did not receive one in the mail, please contact Ruth in the church office (402-477-1710). Please complete and return your application **on or before Wednesday, June 30**. The Board for Parish Education will review these applications.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS PURSUING CHURCH WORK:

Any college or university student from the congregation who is preparing for full-time work in the church should contact Pastor Ebert for a scholarship application for the 2021-22 school year. The Scholarship and Recruitment Committee will review the applications and make the appropriate awards.

WEEKDAY COMMUNION OPPORTUNITY



As the pandemic continues, we have an additional opportunity to receive communion. This is primarily intended for those who are able to be out and about, but who feel uncomfortable or unsafe in attending the regular services due to age and/or health related issues. On Tuesdays from 9:30-10:30AM and 6:15-6:45PM & Thursdays from 9:30-10:30AM we will observe 15-minute periods for 1-5 people in the main narthex to receive Communion. Contact the office for an appointment. On the day of the appointment, people should wait in their cars until the appointed time and then enter the main narthex through the west doors.

Church Service Registration

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 8:00AM Monday–4:00PM Friday for the following Sunday.

~Youth News~

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6 (ESV)

**Vacation
Bible School**
June 7-11, 9:00-Noon
Preschool age 3 through grade 5.



Register online at redeemerlincoln.org.

Share this information with your children's friends!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TOPICS: Preschool – Grade 5

Lesson 5 – May 16

“Unwilling Prophet” is the title of this week’s lesson. Jonah, a reluctant prophet, tries to flee God’s calling to declare His message to Nineveh. Attempting to escape by boat, Jonah finds himself cast into the sea, swallowed by a great fish, praying for deliverance, and spit up on the beach three days later. The people of Nineveh receive and respond to the message Jonah delivers, repenting of their sins before God. Angered at God’s mercy, Jonah heads out of the city to sulk. There, God reminds Jonah who is in control.



Lesson 6 – May 23

The account of Isaiah serves as today’s lesson, “Promising Prophet.” In an amazing vision of the Lord in glory upon His throne in heaven, God asks Isaiah, “Whom shall I send?” Isaiah responds, “Here I am! Send me.” (Isaiah 6:8). Isaiah’s prophecies extend beyond the destruction and captivity of Judah to the extensive details concerning the coming of the Messiah and His sacrifice for the salvation of His people.

May 16-23

Sun 16	8:30 & 11:00AM-Divine Services with Holy Communion LWML Mites for Missions Collection 9:45AM-Sunday School/Bible Class (FEC & Fellowship Hall)
Mon 17	11:30AM-Staff Meeting (FEC Room 200) 6:30PM-Board for Youth (FEC Room 107) 6:45PM-Board of Elders (Fellowship Hall) 7:45PM-Church Council (Fellowship Hall)
Tue 18	9:30-10:30AM-Weekday Communion (Main Narthex) 1:00-3:30PM-Orphan Grain Train (4817 N. 56 Street) 6:15-6:45PM-Weekday Communion (Main Narthex)
Wed 19	9:30AM-Women's Bible Study & Prayer Group (FEC Room 200)
Thur 20	9:30-10:30AM-Weekday Communion (Main Narthex) 12:30PM-Assemble Cross Talk (FEC Room 200) Pastor Ebert's Day Off
Fri 21	7:00PM-Couples' Bible Study (via Zoom) Pastor Dietrich's Day Off
Sat 22	6:00PM-Divine Service DCE Rod Lane's Day Off
Sun 23	8:30 & 11:00AM-Divine Services 9:45AM-Sunday School/Bible Classes (FEC & Fellowship Hall)