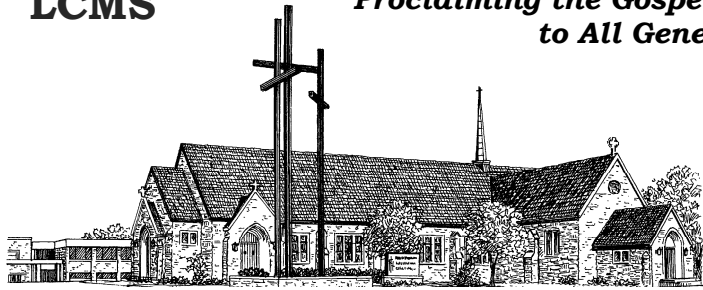


# Redeemer Lutheran Church

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*“Proclaiming the Gospel  
to All Generations”*



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***THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
Saturday, June 12, and  
Sunday, June 13, 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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**FACE MASKS ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED IN CHURCH** but still recommended for those who have not received their vaccinations. Anyone who feels more comfortable wearing a mask should feel free to do so.

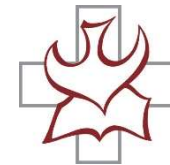
**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS WITH HYMNS** are available in the main narthex.

**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 tract rack of each narthex.

**THE PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** *O God of growth, work within the soil of our souls. Bring about new and glorious changes within us. And prepare us for further development as disciples of Christ. In Jesus' 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: 811 – “Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices”



1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es To praise my  
2 O all you pow'rs that He im - plant - ed, A - rise, keep  
3 You for - est leaves so green and ten - der That dance for  
4 All crea - tures that have breath and mo - tion, That throng the  
5 Cre - a - tor, hum - bly I im - plore You To lis - ten



God with thou - sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re -  
si - lence now no more; Put forth the strength that God has  
joy in sum - mer air, You mead - ow grass - es, bright and  
earth, the sea, the sky, Come, share with me my heart's de -  
to my earth - ly song Un - til that day when I a -



joic - es, Would then pro - claim in grate - ful songs To all, wher -  
grant - ed! Your no - blest work is to a - dore. O soul and  
slen - der, You flow'rs so fra - grant and so fair, You live to  
vo - tion, Help me to sing God's prais - es high. My ut - most  
dore You, To - geth - er with the an - gel throng And learn with



ev - er I might be, What great things God has done for me.  
bod - y, join to raise With heart - felt joy our Mak - er's praise.  
show God's praise a - lone. Join me to make His glo - ry known.  
pow'rs can nev - er quite De - clare the won - ders of His might.  
choirs of heav'n to sing E - ter - nal an - thems to my King.

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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: The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul that seeks Him.

**C: "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in Him."**

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess to You with contrite hearts that we have sinned. Our thoughts, our words, our deeds condemn us. We have failed--and refused--to bring forth the fruit which You desire. We are doomed to die! For the sake of the innocent sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, we plead for mercy. Forgive our sins that we may be able to stand before Your judgment seat, as those who have pleased You.**

P: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end. For the sake of Jesus Christ Your sins are forgiven. Grow, then, as God gives you strength and opportunity.

**C: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

### THE INTROIT *(Spoken)*

P: It is good to give thanks to the LORD,

**C: to sing praises to your name, O Most High.**

P: The righteous flourish like the palm tree

**C: and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.**

P: They are planted in the house of the LORD;

**C: they flourish in the courts of our God.**

P: They still bear fruit in old age;

**C: they are ever full of sap and green,**

P: to declare that the LORD is upright;

**C: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.**

**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: It is good to give thanks to the LORD,

**C: to sing praises to your name, O Most High. (ESV)**

**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: 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:** Ezekiel 17:22-24

P: The Old Testament Reading for the Third Sunday after Pentecost is from the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter of Ezekiel.

<sup>22</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD: “I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty

mountain. <sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. <sup>24</sup>And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it.” (ESV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**THE GRADUAL** (*Spoken*)

P: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,

**C: and his greatness is unsearchable.**

P: On your wondrous works, I will meditate,

**C: and I will declare your greatness. (ESV)**

**THE EPISTLE READING:** 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

P: The Epistle Reading is from the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter of 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians.

<sup>1</sup>We know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. <sup>2</sup>For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, <sup>3</sup>if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. <sup>4</sup>For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. <sup>5</sup>He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

<sup>6</sup>So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, <sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil. (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:** Mark 4:26-34

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. <sup>27</sup>He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

<sup>30</sup>And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. <sup>34</sup>He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything. (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**

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY:** 834 – “O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth”

1 O God, O Lord of heav'n and earth, Thy liv - ing  
2 Our fa - tal will to e - qual Thee, Our reb - el  
3 Thou cam - est to our hall of death, O Christ, to  
△ 4 O Spir - it, who didst once re - store Thy Church that

fin - ger nev - er wrote That life should be an aim -  
will wrought death and night. We seized and used in pride -  
breathe our poi - soned air, To drink for us the dark  
it might be a - gain The bring - er of good news

less mote, A death - ward drift from fu - tile birth.  
ful spite Thy won - drous gift of lib - er - ty.  
de - spair That stran - gled our re - luc - tant breath.  
to men, Breathe on Thy clo - ven Church once more,

Thy Word meant life tri - um - phant hurled In splen - dor through  
We housed us in this house of doom, Where death had roy -  
How beau - ti - ful the feet that trod The road that leads  
That in these gray and lat - ter days There may be those

Thy bro - ken world. Since light a - woke and life be - gan,  
al scope and room, Un - til Thy ser - vant, Prince of Peace,  
us back to God! How beau - ti - ful the feet that ran  
whose life is praise, Each life a high dox - ol - o - gy

*Hymn continued on next page.*



Thou hast de - sired Thy life for man.  
Breached all its walls for our re - lease.  
To bring the great good news to man!  
To Fa - ther, Son, and un - to Thee.

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*(Please stand for the last stanza then be seated)*

**THE SERMON**

Title: "Growth in the Kingdom"

Text: Mark 4:26-29

**THE OFFERING**

*(Please stand)*

**THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Father, You are a God of miraculous growth.

**C: Increase our gifts, here offered.**

P: Add to them our love.

**C: Add to them our service.**

P: Use them to grow Your kingdom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*(11:00AM - Please be seated)*

**11:00AM – HIGH SCHOOL SERVANT EVENT COMMISSIONING**

*(11:00AM - 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.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(Spoken)*

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

**All: 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: 704 – "Renew Me, O Eternal Light"**



1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, And let my  
2 Re - move the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all  
3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, That glad - ly  
4 Grant that I on - ly You may love And seek those



heart and soul be bright, Il - lu - mined with the  
my im - pu - ri - ty That I may have the  
I o - bey Your Word. Let what You will be  
things which are a - bove Till I be - hold You



light of grace That is - sues from Your ho - ly face.  
strength and will Temp - ta - tions of the flesh to still.  
my de - sire, And with new life my soul in - spire.  
face to face, O Light e - ter - nal, through Your grace.

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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

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### SERVING US TODAY

**Liturgist & Preacher:** Pastor Mark H. Ebert

**Organist:** Joe Herl

**Children's Message:** DCE Rod Lane

**Acolytes:** 6:00PM – Ben Rorabaugh & Nick Rorabaugh  
8:30AM – Ryan Bokelmann & Jaxon Weyand

11:00AM – Hailey Krejci & Ellie Syslo

**Chancel Guild:** Sandie Smith

**Elder on Duty:** 6:00PM – Kurt Brandt

8:30AM – Craig Wohlgemuth

11:00AM – Brent Bolte

**Head Usher:** 6:00PM – John Rabe

8:30AM – Philip Wohlgemuth

11:00AM – Patty Hill

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## < NEWS & NOTES >

### THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

#### *The Cross of Christ Is the Tree of Life, Which Bears Abundant Fruit after Its Own Kind*

The parables of our Lord convey the mysteries of the kingdom of God to those who are “able to hear it,” that is, “to his own disciples,” who are catechized to fear, love and trust in Him by faith (Mark 4:33–34). He scatters “seed on the ground,” which “sprouts and grows” unto life, even as “he sleeps and rises” (Mark 4:26–27). “On the mountain height of Israel,” He plants a young and tender twig, and it becomes “a noble cedar.” Indeed, His own cross becomes the Tree of Life, under which “every kind of bird” will dwell, and in which “birds of every sort will nest” (Ezek. 17:22–25). His cross is our resting place, even while now in mortal bodies, we “groan, being burdened” (2 Cor. 5:1–4). Yet in faith, we live for God in Christ, who for our sake “died and was raised” (2 Cor. 5:15). We know that, in His resurrected body, “we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens” (2 Cor. 5:1).

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND, June 19 & 20:

- Job 38:1–11
- 2 Corinthians 6:1–13
- Mark 4:35–41

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

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

- ❖ Gayle Bartels in loving memory of her mother, Wilma, who was born June 10<sup>th</sup>, and her father, Reuben, who was born on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- ❖ Don & Bev Scheerger in thankfulness for their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 15<sup>th</sup>.



THE BULLETIN today is given to the glory of God by Lucy Hoffman in thankfulness for the blessing of 91 years of life on her birthday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. Also, in loving memory of her daughter, Kris Flanders, who was born on June 12, 1951; and in loving memory of her son, Mike Hoffman, who was born on July 2, 1950.

**OPEN DATES AND NUMBER OF BOUQUETS** available to sponsor the chancel flowers for July 4-1, 11-1, 25-1; August 15-2, 22-2, 29-2. 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:** August 8, 15, 29. The cost of bulletin sponsorship is \$25 per Sunday or special service. To reserve a date, please call the church office.

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

**REHABILITATION:** Larry Burrus (Hillcrest Millard, Omaha); Dale Lange (Legacy Estates)



**HOSPITALIZED:** Pat Akins, Sr. (St. Elizabeth)

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

**WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** to the family and friends of Les Roberts. Les was called to eternal rest on Monday, June 7th. The funeral was held here at Redeemer on Friday, June 11th.  
~Blessed are those who die in the Lord. Revelation 14:13

**OUR RESPONSE TO THE REDEEMER LAST WEEKEND**

Worship Attendance: 284 (72-111-101)

Communion Attendance: 248 (63-100-85)

Online Service Stream: 75\*

Sunday School & Bible Classes Attendance: 82 (23-59)

<u>Unified Budget Receipts</u>	<u>Budget Needs</u>	<u>Ahead (Behind)</u>
6/6/21 \$19,492.70	\$17,145.19	\$2,347.51
YTD \$369,183.23	\$394,339.42	<b>(\$25,156.19)</b>

\*Number of views online as of 6/10/21.

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDIES**

Classes meet at 9:45AM.

- Pastor Ebert's class is starting a new topic, "**Blessings in Disguise: A Study of Jesus' Sermon on the Plain.**" (See description below.) Class meets in the Fellowship Hall.
- Pastor Dietrich's class will not be meeting this Sunday. Next Sunday, June 20, he will be starting a new topic, "**The Brief History of Lutheranism in America.**" Class meets in FEC Room 200.



**"Blessings in Disguise:  
A Study of Jesus' Sermon on the Plain."**

On Sunday, June 13, at 9:45AM in the Fellowship Hall, Pastor Mark will begin a new Bible study entitled, "Blessings in Disguise: A Study of Jesus' Sermon on the Plain."



Although Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) is well known, His Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6) packs a powerful message too. Not as well known, this sermon of Jesus is just as challenging to Jesus' followers and every bit as comforting.

Unique to our Lord's sermon in Luke, His four beatitudes ("blessings") are paired with four jolting condemnations ("woes"). The sessions of this Insight course follow this built-in outline. Used as a tool to dig into Scripture itself, this course can help today's Christian find Christ's power and encouragement in His Word, especially at times when the cross of discipleship grows heavy and is full of splinters.

Please consider joining this study!

**WEDNESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**  
**NEW TOPIC STARTING JUNE 16**

Ladies, you are invited to join us each Wednesday at 9:30AM in FEC Room 200 for some quality time with God and your sisters in Christ. We will be going through the book, "**Faith in the Shadow of a Pandemic.**" Every crisis brings disorientation. *Faith in the Shadow of a Pandemic* discusses the impact of upheaval, essential lessons learned from COVID-19, and how we can best serve our neighbors during times of chaos.



We share a desire to grow in a relationship with God through His Word. We want to develop a personal connection by sharing our time, joys, and sorrows. We hope you come for the coffee, for the fellowship with others, or a deeper relationship with God – and hopefully all 3! The study is led by Pat Connor (22connor@twc.com).



**LUTHERAN SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE:**

Applications for tuition assistance for the 2021-22 school year (grades K-12) 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.

**WOR-LWML COLLECTING ITEMS FOR HYGIENE/HEALTH**

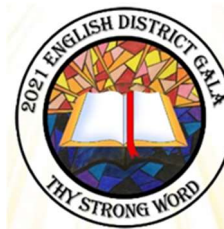
**KITS:** During **June, July, and August**, the Women of Redeemer are collecting items for Hygiene/Health Kits for **Culler Middle School** boys and girls. Suggested donation items are toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, deodorant, soap – anything the youth of our community would be using for personal care. Place items in the coat closet in the marked container. Thank you for your support!

**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.

**ANNUAL SUMMER RUMMAGE SALE**  
**AUGUST 5-7**

**DONATION INFORMATION:**

- All household items wanted in good saleable condition.
- Drop your items off in **FEC Classroom 215/216** from 9AM–3PM daily or by appointment.
- If you need assistance unloading your items, **please bring someone with you to help or call ahead so we can arrange for help.** A cart will be available for everyone's use.
- Please call first regarding loveseats, recliners, couches, beds.
- Please note that we cannot accept the following items: computers, televisions, printers, monitors, electronics such as VCR/DVD players, or exercise equipment.



**ENGLISH DISTRICT VIRTUAL GALA**  
**Sunday, June 13**

Join the English District on **June 13, at 6:30PM**, 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](http://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.**



## COVID PROTOCOL CHANGES FOR REDEEMER

In view of the CDC's recent counsel and the ending of the facemask mandate from the Lancaster County Health Department, please note the following changes concerning our COVID protocol.

**Registration** for worship is no longer required. However, we still ask all worshippers to complete and return an attendance card.

**Ropes** on the pews in the main nave have been removed. Worshippers should observe common sense distancing. Ropes will remain for the time being in the west wing. Those who feel more comfortable with every other pew being roped off are invited to sit in the west wing. Overflow seating remains in the Fellowship Hall.

**Facemasks** are no longer required in church, but still recommended for those who have not received their vaccinations. Anyone who feels more comfortable wearing a mask should feel free to do so.

**Balcony seating** is unavailable at this time.

**Greeting** fellow worshippers during the announcements has resumed.

**Sanitizing** of pews on Sunday after the 8:30AM service will take place only for the pews in the west wing. The entire church will be sanitized once a week on Thursdays.

**Three entrances** (the two in the main narthex and the one in the west wing) will be open and available for entering or exiting the church on Sundays. Due to security concerns, the doors in the west wing will be available only for exiting the church on Saturday evenings.)

**Offering boxes** will be available in each narthex, along with boxes containing attendance cards, bulletins, etc., and hand sanitizer.

**Communion distribution** will be by the continuous style for the present time.

**Ushering** out will start from the back of the church in both the main nave and the west wing.

**Questions?** If you have any questions, please direct them to your elder or one of the Pastors. Thank you!

## ~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)*

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### **BIG SCREEN BIBLE STUDY!**

**This class is open for those recently confirmed through adults.**

Join seminarian student, Jacob Garrison, **as he walks you through the movie Avatar**. Avatar is a 2009 American epic science fiction film. The idea of the study is to share God's light in the science fiction realm. Join Jacob each Sunday this summer. The group will meet in FEC Room 107A (lower level). Contact DCE Rod Lane if you have questions.



### **SUNDAY SCHOOL TOPICS: Preschool – Grade 5**

#### **Lesson 9 – June 13**

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.

#### **Lesson 10 – June 20**

"A Fiery Marvel" is the title of today's lesson. Despite King Nebuchadnezzar's directive to bow before his golden statue, three faithful Israelites ignore the order. In a burning rage, the king orders Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to be tossed into a flaming furnace heated seven times hotter than usual. To the king's astonishment, four men appear in the furnace, and Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego emerge unharmed—not even smelling of fire. Realizing the power of God, Nebuchadnezzar promotes these faithful men and praises the true God.

## June 13-20

<b>Sun 13</b>	<b>8:30 &amp; 11:00AM-Divine Services</b> 9:45AM-Sunday School & Bible Classes (FEC & Fellowship Hall) 11:00AM-High School Servant Event Commissioning 12:15PM-High School Servant Event Meeting (FEC Room 200)
<b>Mon 14</b>	10:00AM-Lincoln Circuit Pastors' Conference (Fellowship Hall) 1:30PM-Elizabeth/Circle 5 * (FEC Room 200) (*Check with your circle leader to see if this group is meeting.)
<b>Tue 15</b>	<b>9:30-10:30AM—Weekday Communion (Main Narthex)</b> 11:30AM-Staff Meeting (FEC Conference Room) 1:00-3:30PM-Orphan Grain Train (4817 N. 56 Street) <b>6:15-6:45PM—Weekday Communion (Main Narthex)</b>
<b>Wed 16</b>	9:30AM-Women's Bible Study & Prayer Group (FEC Room 200) DCE Rod Lane's Day Off
<b>Thur 17</b>	<b>9:30-10:30AM—Weekday Communion (Main Narthex)</b> 12:30PM-Assemble Cross Talk (FEC Room 200) Pastor Ebert's Day Off
<b>Fri 18</b>	Pastor Dietrich's Day Off High School Servant Trip, June 18-27 (Urban Plunge—Chicago Area)
<b>Sat 19</b>	<b>6:00PM-Divine Service with Holy Communion</b> LWML Mites for Missions Collection
<b>Sun 20</b>	<b>8:30 &amp; 11:00AM-Divine Services with Holy Communion</b> Father's Day LWML Mites for Missions Collection 9:45AM-Sunday School & Bible Classes (FEC & Fellowship Hall)