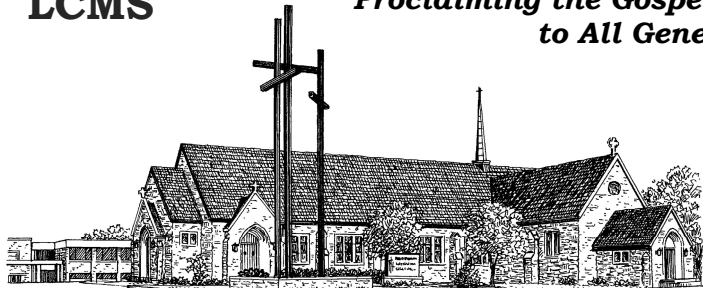


Redeemer Lutheran Church

LCMS

*“Proclaiming the Gospel
to All Generations”*



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THE 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

***Saturday, April 27, and
Sunday, April 28, 2024***

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

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

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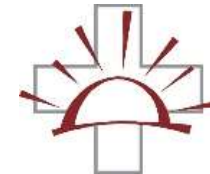
LISTENING DEVICES are available for those who need assistance in hearing the service. Please speak to the Elder on duty (main narthex) if you need one.

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

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

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

THE PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: *We, Your branches, O Lord, flourish and blossom and grow because of our attachment to You. Help us to keep developing into what You want us to become and assist us in producing fruit that is pleasing to You. In Your name we pray. Amen.*



ORDER OF WORSHIP

(LSB, pp. 151-166)

THE PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

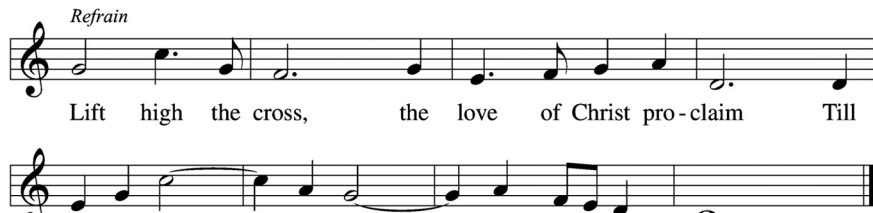
THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PREPARATION

(11:00AM – Please stand for the entire hymn)

THE HYMN: 837 – “Lift High the Cross”


Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till
all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied
4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,

Refrain



Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. *Refrain*

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

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(6:00PM & 8:30AM - 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: When we were baptized, we died and were buried with Christ.

C: We were baptized so that we might have a new life, as Christ was raised to life by the glory of God the Father.

P: Let us therefore turn to God in true repentance, that our sins might be wiped out.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Almighty and all-merciful God,

C: we are dead in trespasses and sin; we have no power to rise. We have offended Your majesty and defied Your divinity; we have brought death and darkness where You once said, "Let there be light." We deserve the doom that You have decreed. We are dead in trespasses and sin; we have no power to rise.

P: But Christ is risen.

C: Risen indeed!

P: Since we have been united with Him in a death like His,

C: we will certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.

P: "Thus it is written, that the Messiah had to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins must be proclaimed in His name." That word is now proclaimed to you. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

6:00PM & 8:30AM - THE INTROIT (*Spoken*)

P: A little while, and you will see me no longer;

C: and again a little while, and you will see me.

P: I will extol you, my God and King,

C: and bless your name forever and ever.

P: Every day I will bless you

C: and praise your name forever and ever.

P: The LORD is gracious and merciful,

C: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

P: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,

C: and all your saints shall bless you!

P: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
C: and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

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: A little while, and you will see me no longer;
C: and again a little while, and you will see me. (ESV)

6:00PM & 8:30AM - THE KYRIE (*Chanted; LSB, pp. 152-153*)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Amen.

6:00PM & 8:30AM - THE HYMN OF PRAISE: “Gloria in Excelsis”
(*LSB, p. 154*)

P: (*Sung*) Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

All: (*Sung*) Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE SALUTATION (*Spoken*)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

All: O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(*Please be seated*)

THE FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40

P: The First Reading for the Fifth Sunday of Easter is from the 8th chapter of Acts.

²⁶Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being

baptized?”³⁸ And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.³⁹ And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea. (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 4:1-11

P: The Epistle is from the 4th chapter of 1 John.

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. (ESV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

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

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

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

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

¹[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.” (ESV)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

6:00PM & 8:30AM - 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)

8:30AM - THE CHOIR ANTHEM: “Evening and Morning”

(arr. A. Strube) – The Redeemer Choir

6:00PM & 8:30AM - THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: 611 - “Chief of Sinners Though I Be”



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in
5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford By Your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
heav'n's a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
all to me; All my wants to Him are known,
and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the
Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.
need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

THE SERMON

Title: “Be Thou Faithful”

Text: Revelation 2:10

Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. (ESV)

THE OFFERING

(Please stand)

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

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

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

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

P: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

(6:00PM & 8:30AM - Continue with p. 11 with The Prayer of the Church)

(11:00AM – Please be seated)

11:00AM - THE HYMN: 864 - “Shepherd of Tender Youth”



1 Shep - herd of ten - der youth, Guid - ing in
2 You are the ho - ly Lord, O all - sub -
3 You are the great High Priest; You have pre -
4 O ev - er be our guide, Our shep - herd,
5 So now, and till we die, Sound we Your



love and truth Through de - vious ways; Christ, our tri -
du - ing Word, Heal - er of strife. Your - self You
pared the feast Of ho - ly love; And in our
and our pride, Our staff and song. Je - sus, O
prais - es high And joy - ful sing; In - fants and



um - phant king, We come Your name to sing
did a - base That from sin's deep dis - grace
mor - tal pain None calls on You in vain;
Christ of God, By Your en - dur - ing Word
all the throng, Who to the Church be - long,



And here our chil - dren bring To join Your praise.
 You so might save our race And give us life.
 Our plea do not dis - dain; Help from a - bove.
 Lead us where You have trod; Make our faith strong.
 U - nite to swell the song To Christ, our king!

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11:00AM – THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

(LSB, pp.272-274)

(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:

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: 725 - “Children of the Heavenly Father”



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
 2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
 4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
 Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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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 BENEDICTION *(Chanted; LSB p. 166)*

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

C: Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER

THE THREE CHIMES

(Please be seated)

THE POSTLUDE

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SERVING US TODAY

Liturgist: Pastor Mark H. Ebert

Preacher: Pastor Joel A. C. Dietrich

Children's Message: DCE Rod Lane

Organist: Joe Herl

Choir Director: Kathy Ohlman

Choir: The Redeemer Choir

Acolytes: 6:00PM – Ben Rorabaugh

8:30AM – Ryan Bokelmann & Alex Ohnoutka

11:00AM – Jackson Doele & Brooke Plahn

Chancel Guild: Kathy Barnard-Nobbe

Crucifer: Lydia Guilford

Elder on Duty: 6:00PM – Rick Hargreaves

8:30AM – Jeremy Bloch

11:00AM – Peter Jorgensen

Greeters: **Main** **West**

6:00PM Richard & Kathy Nobbe

8:30AM Jennifer Brown Kay Drees-Priess & Kathy Dondlinger

11:00AM Phil & Judy Zillig *Volunteer Needed*

Head Usher: 6:00PM – Doug Russell

8:30AM – Brian Dey

11:00AM – Patty Hill

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NEWS & NOTES

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus Christ Is the True Vine Who Bears Much Fruit in Us

“God is love,” and He has manifested Himself to us by sending “his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him” (1 John 4:9, 16). By the ministry of the Gospel, “he has given us of his Spirit,” so that we also believe and confess “that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh.” In this way, we “abide in him and he in us,” and we “love one another” (1 John 4:2, 7, 13). Such divine love is exemplified in Philip’s preaching of “the good news about Jesus” to the Ethiopian eunuch. And when “they came to some water,” the eunuch was baptized into the very Gospel that Philip had preached (Acts 8:35–38). That Ethiopian was thereby grafted into “the true vine,” Jesus Christ (John 15:1), just as we are. Already we are clean because of the Word that Christ has spoken to us and by the washing of water with His Word. We now abide in Him by faith in His forgiveness. As He abides in us, both body and soul, with His own body and His blood, He “bears much fruit” in us (John 15:3–5).

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND, May 4 & 5:

• Acts 10:34–48 • 1 John 5:1–8 • John 15:9–17

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

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

- ❖ Deon & Susan Bahr in thankfulness for 60 years of a blessed marriage.
- ❖ Mark & Emily Geisler; children Elizabeth, Abigail, and David:
 - In celebration of David’s birthday on April 28th;
 - In memory of Emily’s grandmother, Lee Scherrow, who was born on April 28th; and
 - In honor of Emily’s mother, Nancy Weimer, whose birthday is on April 27th.



THE BULLETIN today is given to the glory of God by Mike & Lynette Hansen in honor of their daughter, Elizabeth Hansen, and all other young people being confirmed this weekend.

OPEN DATES AND NUMBER OF BOUQUETS available to sponsor the chancel flowers for May 5-1, 12-1; June 2-1, 9-1; July 7-1, 14-2, 21-1, 28-2. The cost of each bouquet is \$30. To reserve a date, please contact the church office. **Please return the black liner pot to the church office within a week.**

OPEN DATES TO SPONSOR THE BULLETIN: May 12, 19; June 2, 9, 30; July 21, 28. The cost of bulletin sponsorship is \$25. To reserve a date, please contact the church office.

REHABILITATION: Ruth Rodenburg (Southlake Village)

HOSPITALIZED: Matt Wiegert (Home)



AS MENTIONED IN THE PRAYERS LAST SUNDAY, we extend our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Ron Garman. Ron was called to eternal rest on Saturday, April 20th. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 4th, at 11:00AM here at church. *Blessed are those who die in the Lord. Rev. 14:13*

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to the family and friends of Willa Kritner. Willa was called to eternal rest Tuesday, April 23rd. The graveside service will be at noon on Tuesday, April 30th, at Lincoln Memorial Cemetery. *Blessed are those who die in the Lord. Rev. 14:13*

AS MENTIONED IN LAST SUNDAY’S PRAYERS, we join Cody & Ashley Potter in giving thanks on the birth of a daughter on Wednesday, April 17th.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE REDEEMER LAST WEEKEND


Worship Attendance: 309 (58-142-109)

Communion Attendance: 251 (51-119-81)

Sunday School & Bible Classes Attendance: 85 (24-61)

Online Service Stream: 117

<u>Unified Budget Receipts</u>	<u>Budget Needs</u>	<u>Ahead (Behind)</u>
4/21/24 \$14,147.51	\$18,202.35	(\$4,054.84)
YTD \$317,893.67	\$291,237.54	\$26,656.13

 **THE LINCOLN MARATHON** for 2024 will be on **Sunday, May 5th**. Please plan ahead to allow enough time to arrive at church.

More information and a map can be found at lincolnmarch.org.

2024 Confirmation Class

*May the Redeemer bless these young people
and keep them in the faith!*

Axel Justin Anderson	John 8:12
Carter Thomas Beougher	Ephesians 2:8-9
Shea Miles Clanton	Ephesians 2:8-9
Joshua Mark Guilford	Acts 16:31
Elizabeth Paige Hansen	John 15:12
Sarah Marie Kennedy	Matthew 28:20
Harper Michael Klem	Hebrews 13:5
Anna Sophia Ludwig	Joshua 1:9

(The confirmands were encouraged to select their own confirmation verse.)

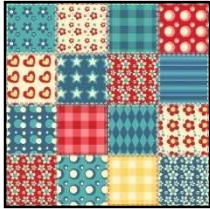
Celebration Sunday – June 23rd

To God I Say, “You Are My Lord”

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

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

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



LWML - WOR Spring General Meeting All Women are Invited!

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

Topic: Mercy Quilts

Speaker: Linda Beth Hoke

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

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

Mother's Day Diaper Drive

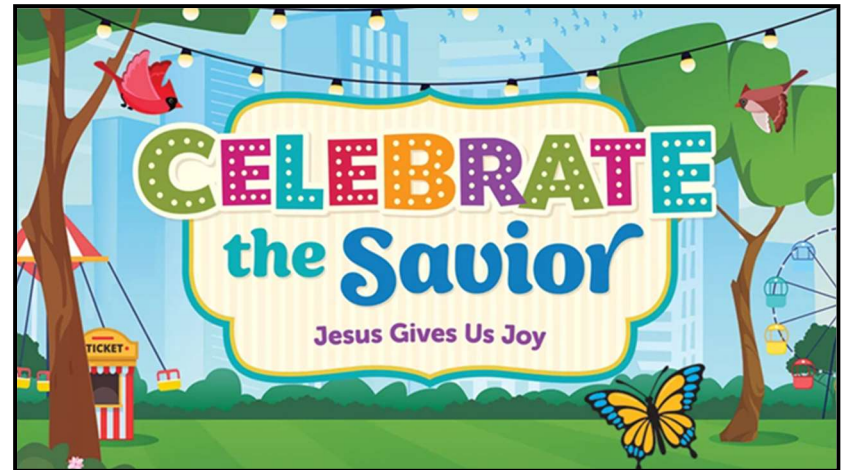


Redeemer's Board for Human Care would like to celebrate Mother's Day for the entire month of May again by collecting diapers and wipes for the Pregnancy Center. The center is always in need of diapers/wipes and has requested newborn and 4-5 size diapers, but any size diaper will be greatly appreciated.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

Caregiver Support Group at Redeemer

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



JUNE 3-7, 2024

Online registration is now open!



VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!



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



SCHOLARSHIPS

REDEEMER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS: 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 2023-24 school year. The Scholarship and Recruitment Committee will review the applications and make the appropriate awards. **Deadline to submit an application is June 1st.** Information is also available about scholarships from the English District.

NEBRASKA SOUTH DISTRICT LWML \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS: The Nebraska South District LWML offers \$1000 scholarships for the 2024-2025 school year to full-time church worker students (pastors, teachers, musicians, directors of Christian education, and deaconesses). Forms may be obtained online (www.lwmlnesouth.org/scholarships). **Applications must be postmarked or sent via email on or before May 1, 2024.** If you have questions, please contact Liz Patton at 402-540-3040.



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

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

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

Ascension Day Worship

Thursday, May 9, 6:30PM

*Worship the crucified, risen
and ascended Redeemer!*



Burger Madness!

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

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO HELP

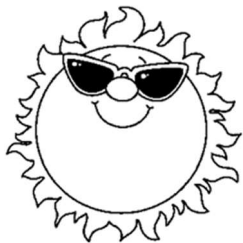
MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

Please contact DCE Rod Lane



Seeking Summer Sunday School Volunteers

Sunday School—It's a special time and place where children learn the Good News of Jesus Christ! We are looking for a few adults who would like to serve intermittently through the summer, which lasts ten weeks. Please get in touch with DCE Rod Lane if you would like to work with children this summer (402-499-0807, dcerod@redeemerlincoln.org).



Summer Sunday School

Ages 3 thru 4th grade

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

May 26 – August 11

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

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

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

Sunday School Topic - April 28th

ASK YOUR CHILD WHAT THEY LEARNED TODAY!

Promising Prophet: *God Calls Isaiah / Isaiah 6*

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.

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



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

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



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

LUTHERAN FOOD PANTRY: Remember that each Sunday is Lutheran Food Pantry Sunday. Your donations of non-perishable food, toiletries, and monetary gifts are greatly appreciated. Current food needs are: Everything! We can use whatever we receive. Please place food donations in the large wood container located on the east side of the main narthex or in the black wooden box in the FEC entranceway. Please place any cash donations in your envelope and clearly mark "Food Pantry" and place in the offering plates or send to the church office. Thank you for your generosity in assisting those in need in the community!



Save-the-Date

Redeemer Family Campout

Sept. 27-29 (Fri-Sat)

Pawnee Lake

In the Lakeview campground area.



April 28 – May 5

Sun 28	8:30 & 11:00AM-Divine Services 9:45AM-Sunday School/Bible Classes (FEC & Fellowship Hall) 10:00AM-Young Adult Bible Class (FEC Conference Room) 11:00AM-Rite of Confirmation
Mon 29	11:30AM-Staff Meeting (FEC Conference Room)
Tue 30	9:30-10:30AM—Weekday Communion (Main Narthex) 7:00PM-Redeemer Bells (Balcony)
Wed 1	9:30AM-Women’s Bible Study (FEC Conference Room) 6:00PM-Instrumental Rehearsal (TBD) 7:00PM-Redeemer Choir (Sanctuary Choir Loft)
Thur 2	Pastor Ebert’s Day Off
Fri 3	Pastor Dietrich’s Day Off 7:00PM-Couples’ Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
Sat 4	DCE Rod Lane’s Day Off 8:15AM-Personnel Committee (FEC Room 200) 9:30AM-Yarn Junkies (Tonya Syslo’s Home) 6:00PM-Divine Service with Holy Communion
Sun 5	8:30 & 11:00AM-Divine Services with Holy Communion 9:45AM-Sunday School/Bible Classes (FEC & Fellowship Hall) 10:00AM-Young Adult Bible Class (FEC Conference Room)