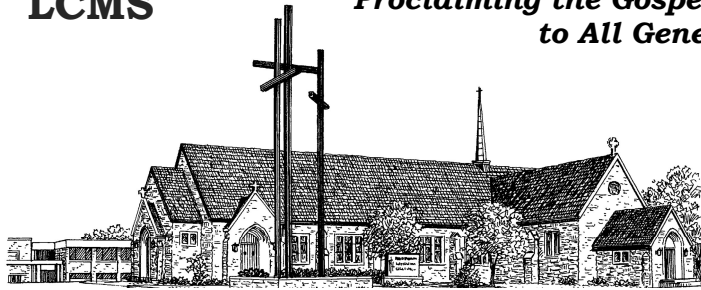


Redeemer Lutheran Church

LCMS

*“Proclaiming the Gospel
to All Generations”*



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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

***Saturday, May 17, and
Sunday, May 18, 2025***

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

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

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LARGE PRINT BULLETINS WITH HYMNS are available at all services. Ask the usher passing out bulletins if you would like one.

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

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

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

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

HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated at all services this weekend. All communicants should sign the Communion registration side of an attendance card. A common participation in the Altar of Christ assumes a common unity of faith and doctrine. We therefore ask that all guests who are not in fellowship with the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod contact one of the pastors prior to the Divine Service before presenting themselves at the Altar for the Holy Communion. If you are not communing this day but wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest as you kneel at the communion rail. Thank you!

PREPARE FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER! As St. Paul admonishes us, we should always prepare ourselves before receiving the Lord's Supper (I Cor. 11:28-29). A helpful thing we can do in our preparation is...

- read some of the **penitential Psalms** (Psalm 51, 32, 130, etc.).
(see LSB, Page 1 and following)

THE PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: *Loving Lord, may we live as Your disciples by loving one another as You have loved us. May our words and actions be pleasing to You and be the means by which people are supported and uplifted. 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: 837 – “Lift High the Cross”

(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: 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 KYRIE *(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.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: “This is the Feast” *(LSB, p. 155)*

All: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE SALUTATION

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 11:1-18

P: The First Reading for the Fifth Sunday of Easter is from the 11th chapter of Acts.

¹Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, ³“You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” ⁴But Peter began and explained it to them in order: ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. ⁶Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. ⁷And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸But I said, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹But the voice answered a second time from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’ ¹⁰This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. ¹¹And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. ¹²And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’ ¹⁵As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we

believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?” ¹⁸When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.” (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. *Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6*

THE EPISTLE: Revelation 21:1-7

P: The Epistle is from the 21st chapter of Revelation.

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

⁵And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.” (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. *John 6:68*

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 16:12-22

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 16th chapter.

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

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

¹⁶“A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” ¹⁷So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?” ¹⁸So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” ¹⁹Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’? ²⁰Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²²So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.” (ESV)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (Sung) 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: 644 – “The Church’s One Foundation”

SAT - THE SERMON

Title: “I Am Making All Things New”

Text: Revelation 21:1-7

SUN - THE SERMON

Title: “The Alpha & Omega”

Text: Revelation 21:1-7

(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 (*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: O Father in heaven, Your graciousness in the past creation, salvation, continued care, is matched only by Your promises for the future the new Jerusalem, the water of life.

C: Accept our humble gifts, we pray.

P: We offer them with thankfulness.

C: We offer them with hope.

P: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PREFACE (*LSB, p. 160*)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with

all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS (*Sung; LSB, p. 161*)

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

THE HYMN: 628 – “Your Table I Approach”

THE HYMN: 818 – “In Thee Is Gladness”

(*Please stand*)

THE GENERAL DISMISSAL

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
C: Amen.

THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (*Sung; LSB, p. 164*)

All: Thank the Lord and sing His praise; Tell ev’ryone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

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 (*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

Sat – Liturgist & Preacher: Pastor Charles Schmidt

Sun - Liturgist: Pastor James E. Fandrey

Sun - Preacher: Chaplain James Hoke

Organist: Joe Herl

Acolytes: 6:00PM – Elizabeth Sidders

8:30AM – Joel Peterson & Joaquim Tapimo

11:00AM – Emma Gottberg & Elizabeth Hansen

Chancel Guild: Lori Lane & Cindy Stevens

Heidi Bokelmann

Eileen Bode & Sharon Crosier

Elder on Duty: 6:00PM – Bill Arneson

8:30AM – Jeremy Bloch

11:00AM – Doug Garrison

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

6:00PM Tim & Diann Davis

8:30AM Doris Wiens Mike & Sandie Smith

11:00AM Roland & Patty Hill Mike Hansen & Elizabeth Hansen

Head Usher: 6:00PM – Todd Smith

8:30AM – Joey Mumaugh

11:00AM – Brent Bolte

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NEWS & NOTES



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus Turns Sorrow into Joy

On earth “*you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy*” (John 16:20). Already the Spirit grants you peace and joy through the forgiveness of your sins. For by the cross of Christ, “*God has granted repentance that leads to life*” (Acts 11:18). His Gospel is “*a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household*” (Acts 11:14). He gives freely “*from the spring of the water of life*” (Rev. 21:6), “*and death shall be no more*” (Rev. 21:4). He dwells with His people, adorning His Church as a bride for her husband, “*making all things new*” (Rev. 21:5). Therefore, as the Son of Man is glorified by His cross, “*and God is glorified in him*” (John 13:31), so He is glorified in us by our “*love for one another*” (John 13:35), which His Spirit works in us by His grace.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND, May 24 & 25:

• Acts 16:9–15 • Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27 • John 16:23–33

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

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

- ❖ The Family of Sharon Kahm in celebration of the 3rd birthday of AJ, Kierra’s son, on May 17th.
- ❖ Mark & Emily Geisler in thankfulness to God for Abigail’s survival day and in celebration of Mark & Emily’s 15th anniversary on May 22nd.



THE BULLETIN today is given to the glory of God by Orville Behrens in thankfulness to God for healing and his many blessings.

Open Dates and Number of Bouquets available to sponsor the chancel flowers for July 13-1, 20-2, 27-1; August 3-2, 10-2, 17-2, 24-2, 31-2. The cost of each bouquet is \$30. To reserve a date, please contact the church office. **Please return the black liner pot to the church office within a week.**

Open Dates to Sponsor the Bulletin: June 22; July 20, 27; August 3, 10, 31. The cost of bulletin sponsorship is \$25. To reserve a date, please contact the church office.

THE BOARD OF ELDERS will meet on **Monday, May 19, at 6:45PM** in the Fellowship Hall.

THE CHURCH COUNCIL will meet on **Monday, May 19, at 7:45PM** in the Fellowship Hall. All Council members should plan to attend or call the church office (402-477-1710) to be excused. A tentative agenda is posted on the bulletin board near the north entrance to the main narthex.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE REDEEMER LAST WEEKEND

Worship Attendance: 273 (48-106-119)
Sunday School/Bible Class Attendance: 84 (21-63)
Online Service Stream: 70

| <u>Unified Budget Receipts</u> | | <u>Budget Needs</u> | <u>Ahead (Behind)</u> |
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| 5/18/25 | \$14,911.50 | \$18,869.58 | (\$3,958.08) |
| YTD | \$338,653.85 | \$358,521.96 | (\$19,868.11) |



TO GIVE AN OFFERING ONLINE, go to redeemerlincoln.org and click on the "Giving" icon at the top of the page. You may also access it easily via the QR code provided.

Mites for Missions

Today WOR is collecting Mites for Missions (coins and bills) for the work of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. (This takes place the 3rd Sunday of each month.) Please bring your loose change to the box in either narthex. **For the month of April, WOR collected \$70.96. Thank you!**



HOSPITALIZED:

Pastor Norman Friedmeyer (Home)



Ordination Anniversary Celebration Rev. Fandrey & Rev. Hoke

Both Rev. Fandrey and Rev. Hoke were ordained in June 1980! Join us to recognize their 45 years of service at a reception between Sunday services on **June 8th** in the Fellowship Hall. Special thanks to our Women of Redeemer for hosting breakfast goodies!



Pastor Samuel Bobby's Installation

Pastor Samuel Bobby's installation as Senior Pastor will be on **Sunday, July 6, at 3:00PM** with a reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.



Welcome Home Shower for Pastor Sam & Erica Bobby

Sunday, May 25, 1:30-3:30PM

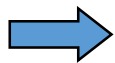
Everyone is invited! The event will be held in the Church Fellowship Hall. The Bobbys will be moving from Riga, Latvia. They do not even have a rubber spatula. We thought this would be a great way to get to know our new Senior Pastor and his wife, Erica. Below are the links to the sites where they are registered. Join us for a relaxed afternoon of refreshments, laughter, and fellowship. If you have questions, please get in touch with DCE Rod Lane.

They are registered at: **AMAZON:** www.amzn.to/42GJURj
WALMART: www.bit.ly/4iwy2qJ

NEW Membership Directories

The 2025 directories are now available!

They are located in each narthex. Remember these directories are for the use of our members only. One per household, please.



**UPDATES ARE PUBLISHED MONTHLY
IN THE CROSS TALK NEWSLETTER.**



Financial Statements: for January – April 2025 are now available. Help save on postage by picking up your statement. They are located in the main narthex. The ones that are not picked up will be mailed out later in May. Please check your statements. If you have any questions, contact Financial Secretary Sheila Garrison (402-477-1710 or sheila.garrison@redeemerlincoln.org).



Summer Music: Summer is a wonderful time to share your God-given musical talents with the congregation. Please consider reserving a Saturday or Sunday to sing or play. Solos and small groups of all ages are welcome! Sign up in the main narthex or contact the church office (402-477-1710, susanb@redeemerlincoln.org) to reserve a service.

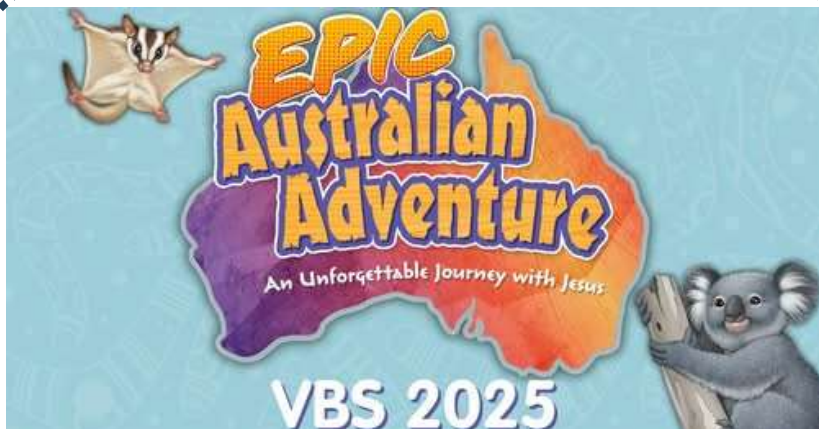


Belize Mission Trip Presentation

You are invited to join us for Bible class **THIS Sunday, May 18**, in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45AM to hear the inside story of how God used the time and talents from our team. Plenty of visuals will be available.

The Belize 2025 team from Redeemer includes: Chris & Brent Bolte, Alexandra & Isaac Branding, Holly Guilford, Andy Guilford, and DCE Rod Lane.

Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. 1 Peter 3:8 (NIV)



Vacation Bible School

June 9–12

Monday-Thursday, 9AM-Noon

Open to children ages 3 (and potty trained) thru Grade 4.

Register online at redeemerlincoln.org thru June 2nd.

Paper registration is available Sundays in the FEC on May 4, 11, 18.

Invite a Friend this Year!

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→ VBS Volunteers Needed

Help make “Epic Australian Adventure” VBS a success! Volunteers are the heart and soul of Vacation Bible School, allowing the sharing of Christ’s love with all children.

Rod is looking for Adults (and youth who have completed 5th grade and above) to assist with this summer’s Vacation Bible School. Help is needed in all areas: decorating, station leaders, music, set-up, 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 (402-499-0807 or dcerod@redeemerlincoln.org).



Ascension Day Worship

Thursday, May 29, 7:00PM

*Worship the crucified, risen
and ascended Redeemer!*



Burger Madness!

Join us for Burger Madness before Ascension Day Worship on Thursday, May 29th. This time of food and fellowship will take place from 5:30-6:30PM. Cost is \$8 p/person. Dining options include hamburger, cheeseburger, or hotdog basket served with waffle fries, 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.** Please contact DCE Rod Lane.

Lutheran School Tuition Assistance Applications

2025-2026 School Year for Grades Pre-K – 12

Tuition assistance forms have been mailed out. If you have not received your forms, please contact the church office. If you are new to Lutheran schools, contact Valerie Coleman in the church office (402-477-1710, or valerie.coleman@redeemerlincoln.org). **Please complete all forms and return them to the church office by FRIDAY, JUNE 20.**

Soap Collection

The Women of Redeemer (WOR) are collecting bar soap for missions in the months of **March, April, and May.** Please leave donations in the plastic tub marked “Soap” in the main narthex coat room. Thank you!





Casserole Ministry

Is this meal for me?

Everyone could use a hand sometimes. If you can relate to any of these situations, please don't hesitate to take a meal for yourself or your household.

- I've had surgery or a family member has had surgery
- A family member is in the hospital or just returned home
- A loved one recently passed away
- I have a new baby
- I have had an especially busy and stressful day
- I'm short on funds & just trying to make ends meet

Don't want to take a meal for yourself? Then grab a meal for a family member or friend (Redeemer members or not) that could use a hand, and drop it off with them. There is no better way to spread the love of Jesus than by taking care of each other.

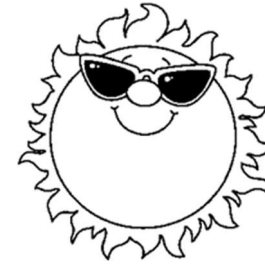
The casserole ministry freezer can be found at the bottom of the stairs in the FEC building. Have questions about the ministry or would like to learn how you can help? Please contact Mariah Niemeyer at 402-890-3112 or mariah.connor.niemeyer@gmail.com.

Sunday School Topic - May 18th

ASK YOUR CHILD WHAT THEY LEARNED TODAY!

Preaching and Perils: Paul's Ministry and Hardships, Acts 20, 2 Cor. 11

Students will study "Preaching and Perils" this week. After an extended stay in Greece, Paul sets off on another journey, finally arriving in Troas. There, as he preaches late into the night, a young man named Eutychus falls asleep on a window ledge and tumbles three floors to his death. Paul rushes to his side and restores Eutychus to life. Later, in his second letter to the Church at Corinth, Paul recounts in detail the numerous hardships he endured in his ministry.



Summer Sunday School

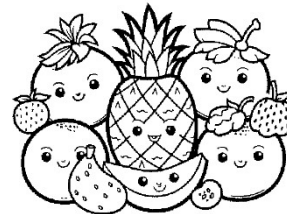
For ages 3 through 4th grade

2-yr-olds are welcome to join in the fun if they are accompanied by an adult family member.

May 25th – August 10th

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

*Lead by Deb Geisler and
Middle/High School youth volunteers.*



This year's theme is
The Fruit of the Spirit!


May 18 – 25

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| Sun 18 | 8:30 & 11:00AM-Divine Services with Holy Communion LWML Mites for Missions 9:45AM-Sunday School/Bible Classes (FEC & Fellowship Hall) 9:45AM-Young Adults Bible Study (FEC 2 nd Floor* Conference Rm) |
| Mon 19 | 11:00AM-Staff Meeting (FEC Conference Room) 6:45PM-Board of Elders (Fellowship Hall) 7:45PM-Church Council (Fellowship Hall) |
| Tue 20 | 1:00-3:30PM-Orphan Grain Train (1901 SW 6 th St #1) 7:00PM-Board for Youth (Zoom) |
| Wed 21 | 9:30AM-Women's Bible Study (FEC Conference Room) 7:00PM-Redeemer Choir (Sanctuary Choir Loft) 7:00PM-I.E. Rehearsal (TBD) |
| Thur 22 | 12:30PM-Assemble Cross Talk (FEC Room 200) 7:00PM-Woods Park & Witherbee Neighborhood Associations (FEC) |
| Fri 23 | |
| Sat 24 | DCE Rod Lane's Day Off 6:00PM-Divine Service |
| Sun 25 | 8:30 & 11:00AM-Divine Services 9:45AM-Sunday School/Bible Classes (FEC & Fellowship Hall) 1:30-3:30PM-Welcome Home Shower for Pastor & Erica Bobby (Fellowship Hall) |


* FEC = Family Education Center – Red Brick Building across from the Church

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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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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633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



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



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



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

5. Mighty Victim from the sky,
 Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
 You have conquered in the fight,
 You have brought us life and light.
 Alleluia!

6. Now no more can death appall,
 Now no more the grave enthrall;
 You have opened paradise,
 And Your saints in You shall rise.
 Alleluia!

7. Easter triumph, Easter joy!
 This alone can sin destroy;
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
 Newborn souls in You to be.
 Alleluia!

8. Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise.

Alleluia!

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628 Your Table I Approach



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.
2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.
A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.
Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.
God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

5. O grant, most blessed Lord,
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind.

6. Oh, may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood,
O God, my peace and light.

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818 In Thee Is Gladness



1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,
2 Since He is ours, We fear no pow - ers, Not of



sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of
earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -



heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou
tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where - fore the



wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se -
sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -



cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are
joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for



pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing
glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him



To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!
And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

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