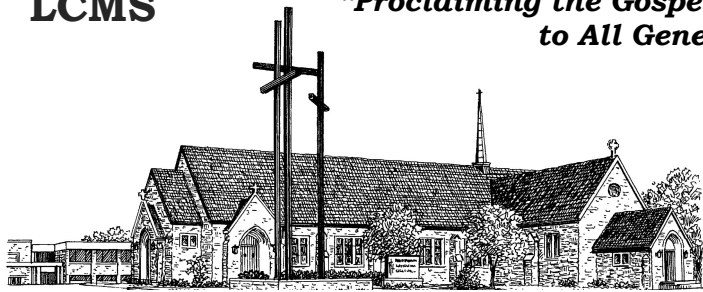


# Redeemer Lutheran Church

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*“Proclaiming the Gospel  
to All Generations”*



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## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Saturday, April 18, and  
Sunday, April 19, 2026**

**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.

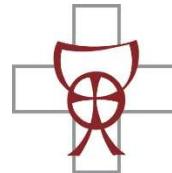
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**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & HYMNALS:** Large print bulletins with hymns included are available at all services. Also, large print LSB hymnals are available. Ask an usher if you would like a bulletin or to use one of the hymnals.

**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.

**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](mailto: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 the Christian Questions with Their Answers.  
(see LSB, pages 329-330)

**THE PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** *O Lord my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

*(LSB, pp. 151-166)*

### THE PRELUDE

### THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

### THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE PREPARATION

**8:30AM-THE SPECIAL MUSIC:** "Jesus Loves the Little Children, Jesus Loves Me" (Wright) – Sunday School Preschoolers

**THE HYMN:** 482 - "This Joyful Eastertide"

*(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

### INTROIT *(Spoken)*

P: Behold, how good and pleasant it is

**C: when brothers dwell in unity!**

P: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron,

**C: running down on the collar of his robes!**

P: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!

**C: For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.**

**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: Behold, how good and pleasant it is

**C: when brothers dwell in unity!**

Psalm 133; antiphon: v. 1

### 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.**

**THE HYMN OF PRAISE:** “This is the Feast” (*Sung: 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** (*Spoken*)

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray.

**All: O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, 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 2:14a, 36-41

**P:** The First Reading for the Third Sunday of Easter is from the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of Acts.

<sup>14</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them,

...

<sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” <sup>38</sup>And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” <sup>40</sup>And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” <sup>41</sup>So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. (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.

**THE EPISTLE:** 1 Peter 1:17-25

**P:** The Epistle is from the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of 1 Peter.

<sup>17</sup>If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, <sup>18</sup>knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup>He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, <sup>21</sup>who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup>Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, <sup>23</sup>since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; <sup>24</sup>for

“All flesh is like grass

and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers,

and the flower falls,  
<sup>25</sup>but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you. (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:** Luke 24:13-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>13</sup>That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup>But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup>And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup>So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, <sup>29</sup>but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” <sup>33</sup>And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup>saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread. (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:** *TLH* 197 – “Where Wilt Thou Go Since Night Draws Near”

**Where Wilt Thou Go Since Night Draws Near 197**

Luke 24 : 29  
 Wo willst du hin, weil's Abend ist  
 Author unknown, 1674  
 Tr., August Crull, †1923, alt.

L. M.

Ach bleib bei uns  
 "Geistliche Lieder"  
 Leipzig, 1589

1 Where wilt Thou go since night draws near, O Je - sus  
 2 Grant my re - quest, O dear - est Friend, For tru - ly  
 3 The day is now far spent and gone, The shades of

Christ, Thou Pil - grim dear? Lord, make me hap - py, be my Guest,  
 I the best in - tend; Thou know - est that Thou ev - er art  
 night come quick - ly on; A - bide with me, Thou heav'n - ly Light,

And in my heart, oh, deign to rest.  
 A wel - come Guest un - to my heart.  
 And do not leave me in this night. A - men.

4 Enlighten me that from the way That leads to heaven I may not stray,  
 That I may never be misled Though night of sin is round me spread.  
 5 And when I on my death-bed lie, Help me that I in peace may die.  
 Abide! I will not let Thee go. Thou wilt not leave me, Lord, I know.

*(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.**

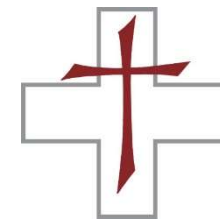
*(Please be seated)*

**THE OFFERING**

*(Please stand)*

**THE OFFERTORY** *(Sung: LSB, pp. 159)*

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 SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### THE PREFACE (*Chanted; 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:

**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**

### 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 (*Sung*)

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:** 624 – “The Infant Priest Was Holy Born”

**THE HYMN:** 467 – “Awake, My Heart, with Gladness”

**THE HYMN:** 539 – “Christ Is the World’s Redeemer”  
*(Please stand for last stanza then be seated)*

*(Please stand)*

**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** *(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**

**Preacher, Liturgist & Celebrant:** Pastor Samuel Bobby

**Organist:** Sat – Bonnie Noack

Sun – Joe Herl

**8:30AM-Choir Director:** Amanda Huff

**8:30AM-Choir:** Sunday School Preschoolers

**Acolytes:** 6:00PM – Elder on Duty

8:30AM – Joel Peterson & Tadan Rettig

11:00AM – Hudson Krzycki

**Chancel Guild:** Susann Hilderbrand & Heidi Bokelmann

Gerri Rorabaugh & Sheila Garrison

Jennifer Brown & Stacey Wiltshire

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

8:30AM – Jeff Bedke

11:00AM – Doug Garrison

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

6:00PM Marty & Karla Jarvis

8:30AM Mike & Sandie Smith Kay Priess & Kathy Dondlinger

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

**Head Usher:** 6:00PM – Cindy Stevens

8:30AM – Jeremy Bloch

11:00AM – Tonya Syslo

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## < NEWS & NOTES >

### THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### *The Risen Lord Jesus Is with Us in Holy Baptism and in 'the Breaking of the Bread'*

From “before the foundation of the world” until heaven and earth pass away, “the word of the Lord remains forever” (1 Peter 1:20, 25). This “living and abiding word of God” is the preaching of Christ Jesus, namely that God “raised him from the dead and gave him glory” (1 Peter 1:21, 23). By this living word, we “have been born again” to eternal life (1 Peter 1:23) and ransomed from our sinful and mortal life “with the precious blood of Christ” (1 Peter 1:18–19). This living word also calls us to repentance, to dying and rising in Holy Baptism “in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins” (Acts 2:38). In this, we receive the Holy Spirit “for you and for your children and for all who are far off” (Acts 2:39). Through the preaching of His cross and resurrection, Jesus draws near to bring us “into his glory” (Luke 24:26). As He opens the Scriptures, He opens our minds to comprehend “the things concerning himself” (Luke 24:27), and He brings us to know Him “in the breaking of the bread” (Luke 24:35).

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND, April 25 & 26:

• Acts 2:42–47 • 1 Peter 2:19–25 • John 10:1–10

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

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** today are given to the glory of God by the families of: Deborah Fields, Dave & Regina Cookston, Doug & Lori Cookston, and Denise Fazel in honor of their father, Thomas Cookston, who was born on April 17<sup>th</sup> and would have been 97.



**THE BULLETIN** today is given to the glory of God by Doug & Sheila Garrison in thankfulness for all of their blessings.

**OPEN DATES AND NUMBER OF BOUQUETS** available to sponsor the chancel flowers for May 24-2, 31-1; June 7-2, 21-1, 28-2; July 5-1, 12-2, 19-2, 26-1. 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 17; June 7, 21, 28; July 5, 19, 26. The cost of bulletin sponsorship is \$25. To reserve a date, please contact the church office.

**HOSPITALIZED:** Pauline Brandt (Home)

**REHABILITATION:** JoAnn Ficke (Tabitha)

**PRAYERS:** All those listed above as hospitalized or in rehabilitation, Rev. Dr. Michael Bingenheimer, Nancy Brown, Darlene Hagel-Pitt, Myra Lindemann, George Masis, Ron Meyer, Sandy Miller, Joy Pohlmann, Noah Ramirez, Cassandra Roeber, Andrew Scherbarth, Charlie Uribe, Greg Van Vark, Mark Woodward, all military personnel, countries of Ukraine, Sudan, Nigeria, and nations of the Middle East.



**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.) Please bring your loose change to the box in either narthex. **For the month of March, WOR collected \$17.31. Thank you!**



## WEEKLY FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE REPORT

Sunday - April 12, 2026

Sunday Worship Attendance: 296 (38-154-104)  
Sunday School/Bible Class Attendance: 117 (32-85)  
Online Service Stream: 66

Budget YTD	Actual Expenses YTD	Ahead (Behind) Budget YTD
\$294,413	\$269,688	(24,725)
Actual Expenses YTD	Actual Giving YTD	Ahead (Behind) Actual Expenses YTD
\$269,688	\$316,416	\$46,728

To give an offering online, go to [redeemerlincoln.org](http://redeemerlincoln.org) and click on the "Giving" icon at the top of the page.



## 2026 Membership Directories

The new 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.**

## Voters' Meeting

The next quarterly voters' meeting is **Monday, May 20th, at 6:30PM** in the Fellowship Hall. See special information concerning this meeting on the following page.

**Board reports and financial statements** for the Monday night voters' meeting are available in the Main Narthex.



## Strategic Planning Update

Please mark your calendars for these important steps toward developing our congregation's **Strategic Ministry Plan**.

### April 20 @ 6:30 p.m.

- The April **Voters** meeting will begin at **6:30 p.m.** with an expedited agenda followed by *Serving in God's Mission* Workshops 5c (Purpose Statement, 90 min.) and 6c (Mission Statement, 45 min.).
- **Board reports and financial statements for the Monday night voters' meeting are available in the Main Narthex.**
- As always, everyone is welcome to attend – you need not already be a voting member of the congregation – and **everyone interested in helping develop our Strategic Ministry Plan is encouraged to attend!**

God has shaped Redeemer as the body of Christ in this place, at this time, for these people. The Lord has fully provided us with everything we need to carry out His purpose for us. Our **Strategic Ministry Plan** seeks to be a realistic and executable roadmap developed through a collective process of discerning the Lord's vision, purpose, and mission for our congregation in its unique present context.

Many thanks to the **64** people who helped identify core values during the first four workshops. Special thanks to Redeemer's **Core Planning Team** members for helping guide this process forward: Chris Bolte, Christopher Cassel, Daryl Bell, Doralee Bell, Katie Brasie, Keith Stoneman, Phil Sawhill, Talea Bloch, DCE Rod Lane, and Senior Pastor Samuel Bobby.

Christopher Cassel, President



## Vacation Bible School

Join us for an Epic Australian Adventure  
on July 20-24 from 5:00-7:30PM!

- 👶 Preschool–5th Grade
- 🍴 Light dinner included

### VBS Volunteers Needed

Our VBS is gearing up for an exciting journey— and we need YOUR help to make it unforgettable! We're looking for volunteers who can lend a hand in these areas:

#### 🌟 Planning & Prep Crew

Help design and create decorations, prep materials, and turn our space into a lively Australian adventure—complete with deserts, rainforests, and Outback fun!

#### 📣 Outreach Team

Help spread the word, invite families, and get kids signed up for an amazing week of learning and discovery.

#### 👶 VBS Week Volunteers

Assist during the actual week of VBS with activities, crafts, games, a light meal, music, story time, and guiding our young explorers.

***Whether you're crafty, outgoing, great with kids, or simply willing to serve, there's a place for you on our team!***

### ➔ VBS SIGN UP

**SCAN HERE TO SIGN UP YOUR CHILD OR TO VOLUNTEER**

*(Note: the previous code in the Cross Talk is not working, please use this code to sign up to volunteer or register.)*



#### For Questions or assistance contact:

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## High School Students!

High School Friday Night Live (FNL):  
Gathering #2  
for All High School Students

Our second gathering will take place on **Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00PM** in the FEC. We will spend time together in devotion, prayer, and connection, followed by fun activities and food. Each FNL is designed to help students grow together in faith, build relationships, and enjoy Christian fellowship in a relaxed, welcoming environment. You are always welcome—and encouraged—to bring a friend! If you have questions, please contact DCE Rod Lane (402-499-0807).

*"Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works."  
Hebrews 10:24*

## \*\*Sunday School Mission Project\*\* Orphan Grain Train



*Relief for Human Need Worldwide*

🌍 Our Sunday School kids are on a mission! 🌍 **From April 19 through May 18** they are collecting donations for Orphan Grain Train to help people in need around the world. Help us **\*\*FILL THE BLUE BARREL\*\*** with **\*\*new underwear\*\*** and **\*\*new or gently used socks\*\*** (all sizes)! Look for the barrel in the lower level of the FEC Foyer and join us as our children learn the joy of serving others! Here is the best part: you do not have to be at Sunday School to donate. If you have any questions, please contact DCE Rod Lane.



## WOR - LWML Invites You to the "Spring General Meeting"

Thursday, May 7th, 6:30PM  
Church Fellowship Hall

Bonnie Noack will present a program about  
WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS

Everyone from the Congregation is Invited!



**Card Shower for Birthday:** You are invited to participate in a card shower celebrating the 90th birthday of Elaine Stevens on May 3rd. Please send your card to Elaine Stevens, 648 North 67th Street, Lincoln, NE 68505. Thank you for taking the time to make this milestone so special!

**Soap Collection:** During the months of March, April, and May, the Women of Redeemer (WOR) will be collecting bar soap for missions. Soap is a luxury for millions of people in the world who are suffering from drought, civil strife, or poverty and is too costly for poor people to buy. Maintaining cleanliness is necessary in order to reduce disease and infection in many parts of the world. Bath-size bars in original wrapping should be placed in the plastic tub marked "Soap" in the main narthex coat room. Thank you for your support!

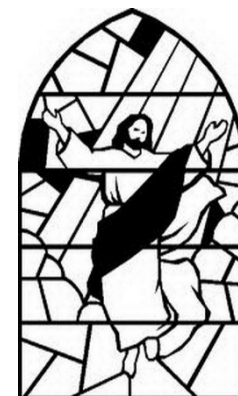


**Mother's Day Diaper Drive:** Redeemer's Board for Human Care would like to celebrate Mother's Day for the entire month of May again by collecting diapers and wipes for the Pregnancy Center. The center is always in need of diapers/wipes and has requested newborn and 4-5 size diapers, but any size diaper 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!

## Ascension Day Worship

Thursday, May 14—6:30PM

*Worship the crucified, risen  
and ascended Redeemer!*



## Burger Madness!

Join us for Burger Madness before Ascension Day Worship on Thursday, May 14th. This time of food and fellowship will take place from 5:00-6:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. Dining options include hamburger, cheeseburger, or hotdog basket served with waffle fries, spring salad mix, and option of iced tea, lemonade, or an orange float. A free-will offering will be taken. Funds will go to support men's ministry.

## SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO HELP

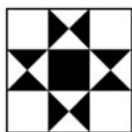
*MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!*

Please contact DCE Rod Lane.

## April 19-26

<b>Sun 19</b>	<b>8:30 &amp; 11:00AM-Divine Services with Holy Communion</b> LWML Mites for Missions 9:45AM-Sunday School/Bible Classes (FEC & Fellowship Hall) 9:45AM-Young Adults Bible Study (FEC 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room 200)*
<b>Mon 20</b>	Pastor Bobby's Day Off 6:30PM-Voters' Meeting with Workshops following (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Tue 21</b>	11:00AM-Staff Meeting (FEC Conference Room) 1:00-3:30PM-Orphan Grain Train (1901 SW 6 <sup>th</sup> Street) 7:00PM-Redeemer Bells (Sanctuary Balcony)
<b>Wed 22</b>	9:30AM-Mercy Quilts (Fellowship Hall) 9:30AM-Women's Bible Study (FEC Conference Room) 7:00PM-Redeemer Choir (Choir Rehearsal Room)
<b>Thur 23</b>	12:30PM-Assemble Cross Talk (FEC Room 200)
<b>Fri 24</b>	7:00PM-Friday Night Live—High School Activity (FEC)
<b>Sat 25</b>	DCE Rod Lane's Day Off 8:30PM-Personnel Board (FEC Room 200) 9:00-10:15AM-Confirmation Rehearsal, Pictures, Acolyte Training (Sanctuary) 11:30AM-1:00PM-Blind Lincoln Outreach Center (Fellowship Hall) <b>6:00PM-Divine Service</b>
<b>Sun 26</b>	<b>8:30 &amp; 11:00AM-Divine Services</b> 9:45AM-Sunday School/Bible Classes (FEC & Fellowship Hall) 9:45AM-Young Adults Bible Study (FEC 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room 200*) <b>11:00AM-The Rite of Confirmation</b>

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



**Mercy Quilts** could use donations of fabric. Material can be put in the Mercy Quilts bin in the coat closet, or if you need it to be picked up, call Linda Hoke at 531-500-3009 or 402-890-1937. Thank you!

### 482 – “This Joyful Eastertide”



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and  
2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the  
3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son

sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,  
riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill  
slum - ber Till trump from east to west

Has sprung to life this mor - row:  
My pass - ing soul de - liv - er:  
Shall wake the dead in num - ber:

*Refrain*  
Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day pris - on,  
Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -  
ris - en, a - ris - en; But now has Christ a - ris - en!

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## 624 – “The Infant Priest Was Holy Born”



1 The in - fant Priest was ho - ly born For us un -  
 2 This great High Priest in hu - man flesh Was i - con -  
 3 The ho - ly Lamb un - daunt - ed came To God's own  
 4 But death would not the vic - tor be Of Him who



ho - ly and for - lorn; From flesh - ly tem - ple  
 of God's righ - teous - ness. His hal - lowed touch brought  
 al - tar lit with flame; While weep - ing an - gels  
 hung up - on the tree. He leads us to the



forth came He, A - noint - ed from e - ter - ni - ty.  
 sanc - ti - ty; His hand re - moved im - pu - ri - ty.  
 hid their eyes, This Priest be - came a sac - ri - fice.  
 Ho - ly Place With - in the veil, be - fore God's face.

5. The veil is torn, our Priest we see,  
 As at the rail on bended knee  
 Our hungry mouths from Him receive  
 The bread of immortality.

6. The body of God's Lamb we eat,  
 A priestly food and priestly meat;  
 On sin-parched lips the chalice pours  
 His quenching blood that life restores.

7. With cherubim and seraphim  
 Our voices join the endless hymn,  
 And “Holy, holy, holy” sing

To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.  
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## 467 – “Awake, My Heart, with Gladness”



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness, See what to - day is done;  
 2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed When Christ lay in the tomb;  
 3 This is a sight that glad - dens—What peace it doth im - part!  
 4 Now hell, its prince, the dev - il, Of all their pow'r are shorn;



Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes forth the glo - rious sun.  
 But lo, he now is rout - ed, His boast is turned to gloom.  
 Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens The joy with - in my heart.  
 Now I am safe from e - vil, And sin I laugh to scorn.



My Sav - ior there was laid Where our bed must be made  
 For Christ a - gain is free; In glo - rious vic - to - ry  
 No gloom shall ev - er shake, No foe shall ev - er take  
 Grim death with all its might Can - not my soul af - fright;



When to the realms of light Our spir - it wings its flight.  
 He who is strong to save Has tri - umphed o'er the grave.  
 The hope which God's own Son In love for me has won.  
 It is a pow'r - less form, How - e'er it rave and storm.

5. The world against me rages,  
 Its fury I disdain;  
 Though bitter war it wages,  
 Its work is all in vain.  
 My heart from care is free,  
 No trouble troubles me.  
 Misfortune now is play,  
 And night is bright as day.

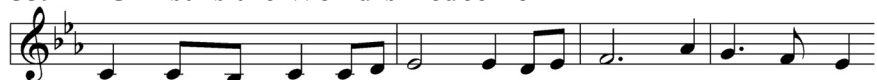
6. Now I will cling forever  
 To Christ, my Savior true;  
 My Lord will leave me never,  
 Whate'er He passes through.  
 He rends death's iron chain;  
 He breaks through sin and pain;

He shatters hell's grim thrall;  
I follow Him through all.

7. He brings me to the portal  
That leads to bliss untold,  
Whereon this rhyme immortal  
Is found in script of gold:  
"Who there My cross has shared  
Finds here a crown prepared;  
Who there with Me has died  
Shall here be glorified."

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### 539 – "Christ Is the World's Redeemer"



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



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



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



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

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