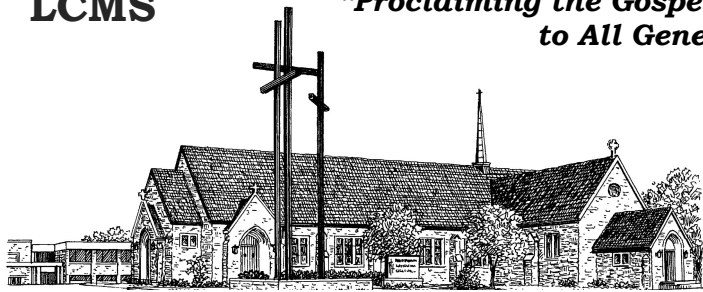


# Redeemer Lutheran Church

LCMS

*“Proclaiming the Gospel  
to All Generations”*



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## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Saturday, May 2, and  
Sunday, May 3, 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.

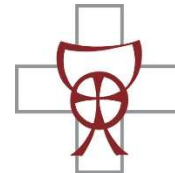
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**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & HYMNALS:** Large print bulletins with hymns included are available at all services. Also, large print LSB hymnals are available. Ask an usher if you would like a bulletin or to use one of the hymnals.

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

**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

**THE HYMN:** 490 - "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"

*(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: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,

**C: his praise in the assembly of the godly!**

P: I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up

**C: and have not let my foes rejoice over me.**

P: O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,

**C: and you have healed me.**

P: O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;

**C: you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.**

P: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints,

**C: and give thanks to his holy name.**

P: For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

**C: Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**

**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: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,

**C: his praise in the assembly of the godly!**

Psalm 30:1-5; antiphon: Psalm 149:1

### 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, 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 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60

P: The First Reading for the Fifth Sunday of Easter is from the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> chapters of Acts.

<sup>6:1</sup>Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. <sup>2</sup>And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. <sup>3</sup>Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. <sup>4</sup>But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” <sup>5</sup>And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup>These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

<sup>7</sup>And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

<sup>8</sup>And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup>Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. . . .

<sup>7:2</sup>And Stephen said:

“Brothers and fathers, hear me. . . .

<sup>7:51</sup>You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. <sup>52</sup>Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, <sup>53</sup>you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.”

<sup>54</sup>Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup>But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing

at the right hand of God.”<sup>57</sup>But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. <sup>58</sup>Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup>And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep. (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:** 1 Peter 2:2-10

P: The Epistle is from the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of 1 Peter.

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—<sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup>you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious,  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup>So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone,”

<sup>8</sup>and

“A stone of stumbling,  
and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. (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 14:1-14

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup>“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father

may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.” (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  $\otimes$  of the world to come. Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

**8:30AM-THE CHOIR ANTHEM:** “On Eagle’s Wings”

(Behnke) – The Redeemer Bells

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY:** 526 – “You Are the Way; through You Alone”

### THE SERMON

*(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:** 625 – “Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread”

**THE HYMN:** 468 – “I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives”

**THE HYMN:** 770 – “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

*(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: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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:** Joe Herl

**Choir Director (8:30AM):** Tami Kolar

**Choir (8:30AM):** The Redeemer Bells

**Acolytes:** 6:00PM – Elizabeth Sidders

8:30AM – Bear Clanton & Shea Clanton

11:00AM – Sean Guess

**Chancel Guild:** Rebecca Krejci & Stacey Wiltshire

Gayle Bartels

Amy Schmidt & Anne Hargreaves

**Elder on Duty:** 6:00PM – Rick Hargreaves

8:30AM – Jeff Bedke

11:00AM – Lorenz Hoffart

**Greeters: Main West**

6:00PM Rick & Anne Hargreaves

8:30AM Dick Haase John & Joyce Wolff

11:00AM Jim Otte Karen Nuttleman

**Head Usher:** 6:00PM – Doug Russell

8:30AM – Chris Peterson

11:00AM – Greg Gottberg

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< **NEWS & NOTES** >

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*The Lord Jesus Christ Is the Way, the Truth and the Life*

The risen Lord Jesus alone is “the way, and the truth, and the life,” and we come “to the Father” only through Him (John 14:6). God is thus “glorified in the Son,” and those who believe in Him will do the works of Christ because He goes to the Father for us (John 14:12–14). Stephen, “a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 6:5) and “doing great wonders and signs among the people” (Acts 6:8), did the works of Christ. When he was falsely accused and put to death, he “gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God” (Acts 7:55). Fixing his hope there, he commended his spirit to the Lord Jesus and prayed for his murderers. In the same way, all the baptized are called to follow the example of Christ Jesus by faith. Though He was “rejected by men” in the sight of God, He is “chosen and precious” (1 Peter 2:4). He is the chief cornerstone of the Father’s “spiritual house,” and we are built upon Him as “living stones” (1 Peter 2:5).

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND, May 9 & 10:**

- Acts 17:16–31
  - 1 Peter 3:13–22
  - John 14:15–21
- 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 Terry Walker & Scott Dahl, Mike & Robin Stevens, and Jeff & Donna Stevens in honor of Elaine Steven’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- ❖ Marshall & Valerie Coleman in honor of Hannah Connot’s birthday on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and Joseph Connot’s birthday on May 5<sup>th</sup>.



**THE BULLETIN** today is given to the glory of God by Tami Kolar and John Kolar in celebration of their grandson Maverick Joseph Kolar’s 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May.

**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. 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 7, 21, 28. The cost of bulletin sponsorship is \$25. To reserve a date, please contact the church office.

**WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** to the family and friends of Dee Mehrens. Dee was called to eternal rest on Tuesday, April 28th. The funeral will be at church on Thursday, May 7, at 11:00AM.

**REHABILITATION:** JoAnn Ficke (Home)

**HOSPITALIZED:** Joy Pohlmann (Home), Ruth Abbott (Bryan East)

**HOSPICE:** Fred Maddox (Legacy Terrace), Pauline Brandt (Journey House)



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

<b>WEEKLY FINANCIAL &amp; ATTENDANCE REPORT</b>		
<b>April 25 &amp; 26</b>		
Worship Attendance: 259 (40-109-110)		
Sunday School/Bible Class Attendance: 72 (25-47)		
Online Service Stream: 123		
<b>Budget YTD</b>	<b>Actual Expenses YTD</b>	<b>Ahead (Behind) Budget YTD</b>
\$333,668	\$300,912	(32,756)
<b>Actual Expenses YTD</b>	<b>Actual Giving YTD</b>	<b>Ahead (Behind) Actual Expenses YTD</b>
\$300,912	\$348,966	\$48,054

**Mites for Missions April: \$57.71**

## **ASSOCIATE PASTOR UPDATE**

The Lord has answered our prayers by providing us with a convertible vicar from the Ft. Wayne seminary. His name is Adam Holtz, and his wife's name is Kelly. They have three children, Lydia (almost 14), Luke (11), and Levi (2) and are originally from Minnesota. Adam has a BA in Business from Bethany College (Mankato, MN), an MA in Sports Management from Minnesota State (Mankato, MN), and has spent over a decade working for Thrivent before going to seminary. His wife is a registered nurse.

You might be asking yourself, "What is a convertible vicar?" For men who have an ample amount of life experience, the seminaries have the seminary student do three full years of classes and then go on vicarage for his fourth year with the understanding that, if all goes well, he will be called to the congregation where he serves as vicar. (This is different than a typical seminarian who would do two years of classes, one year of vicarage, and then back to the seminary for another year of classes before receiving his first call.) We look forward to welcoming Adam and his family to Redeemer!

I will be having a brief question and answer session before Sunday morning Bible study for anyone who would like more information!

In Christ,  
Pastor Bobby



## **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!**

**EUNICE CIRCLE (CIRCLE 3)** will not hold its meeting on Tuesday, May 12th. It is encouraged that our members attend the WOR-LWML Spring General Meeting on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.



## **High School Students!**

**High School Friday Night Live (FNL):  
Fridays: May 1 & 8 for All High School Students**

Our third and fourth gatherings will take place on  
**Fridays, May 1<sup>st</sup> & May 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM 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).

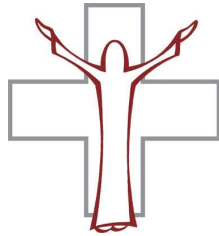
## **Sunday School Mission Project - Orphan Grain Train**

**\*\*\* THE BLUE BARREL IS HALF FULL! \*\*\***

🎉 Our Sunday School kids are on a mission! 🎉 **From April 19 – 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.

# Ascension Day Worship Service

Thursday, May 14, 6:30PM



Often a forgotten Thursday, Ascension Day should not be ignored. The day does not merely commemorate the physical fact of Jesus' ascension, it is an essential part of the Easter event. The resurrection, ascension, and promise of Pentecost are all tied together.

The disciples had just become used to having Jesus with them again when they were left staring into the sky and He was gone. They remembered His words and went back to the city to wait for the Spirit whose presence would open their eyes to recognize the risen Savior in Word and Sacrament. The Spirit would unleash their wills and tongues to "tell everyone what He has done."

So today we trust and wait in the power of the Spirit. Though not having seen Jesus, we love Him. Until He comes again in glory, we wait for Him. Released from our fears by the Spirit, we boldly proclaim Him risen, ascended, and glorified!



## 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** --> Contact DCE Rod Lane.

# Sunday Morning Bible Study

9:45AM in the Fellowship Hall



"A Longer Look at the Lessons" – Led by Pastor Bobby

Join us as we dive deeper in the Bible readings for each Sunday. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect worship with the study of God's Word!

## SUMMER MUSIC!

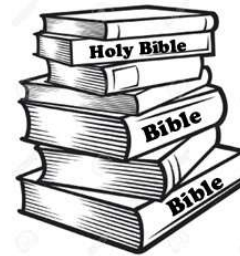
Summer is a wonderful time to share your God-given musical talents with the congregation. Please consider reserving a Saturday or Sunday to sing or play. Solos and small groups of all ages are welcome!



Sign up in the main narthex or contact the church office (402-477-1710, susanb@redeemerlincoln.org) to reserve a service.

\*\*\* Please let the office know at least a week prior the name of the piece you have selected and who it was composed or arranged by.

## GOSPEL MAILER DONATIONS



Now that Scripture in various versions is readily accessible online, are there Bibles sitting idle in your home? Gospel Mailers needs Bibles, New Testaments and Luther's Small Catechisms to pack into boxes for Orphan Grain Train LINCOLN to ship overseas to relief-needy locations. So far this year, Gospel Mailers delivered just under a half ton of ready-to-ship boxes to the local OGT branch, much of which has already been shipped to Liberia, South Sudan, Ukraine, and Haiti, so that "there is some of God's Word in every shipment" as Kathy Carter put it.

Please place Bibles, New Testaments and Luther's Small Catechisms in the Gospel Mailers workroom (FEC building, upper level, southeast corner by steps) or in the Gospel Mailers Tote in the church coatroom. Questions? Contact Linda Groothuis at lgroothuis4@gmail.com or call 402-464-5645.






## Vacation Bible School

July 20 – 24 from 5:00-7:30PM!

-  **Preschool–5th Grade**
-  **Light dinner included**

Throughout this program, we will go on an epic adventure through Australia and along the way be guided by our Savior, Jesus who is the way, the truth, and the life! Your child will participate in a week of crafts, music, games and more! Let's go on an unforgettable journey!

### VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

-  **Planning & Prep Crew:** Save-the-Date for June 20 --> See next page.
-  **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.

**Scan Here to Sign Up Your Child or to Volunteer**



### For Questions or assistance contact:

Mariah Niemeyer: 402-890-3112, Mariah.connor.niemeyer@gmail.com  
 Bethany Werner: 712-310-7713, bethanyrwner@gmail.com




## Save-the-Date VBS Prep Day!

Saturday, June 20, 9:00am, FEC



Help bring our VBS Outback Adventure to Life! We're looking for helping hands of all kinds – whether you're a crafty creator who loves to design and build, or someone who simply enjoys pitching in wherever needed. There is a place for everyone!

We'll be working on:

-  Creating themed decorations and props.
-  Prepping materials for VBS activities.
-  Transforming our space into an Outback Adventure kids will never forget.

**\*\* No experience or artistic ability required – just a willing heart! \*\***

**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!



**Soap Collection:** During the months of March, April, and May, the Women of Redeemer (WOR) will be collecting bar soap for missions. 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!

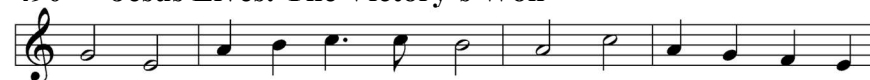
**Mercy Quilts:** Thank you to everyone who donated fabric to Mercy Quilts. Our shelves are full once again and we appreciate the response. Thank you!

## May 3 – 10

<b>Sun 3</b>	<b>8:30 &amp; 11:00AM-Divine Services with Holy Communion</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>Mon 4</b>	Pastor Bobby's Day Off 4:30PM-WOR Board Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Tue 5</b>	11:00AM-Staff Meeting (FEC Conference Room) 6:30PM-Hand Bell Choir Pizza Party (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Wed 6</b>	9:30AM-Women's Bible Study (FEC Conference Room) 7:00PM-Redeemer Choir (Choir Rehearsal Room)
<b>Thur 7</b>	2:30PM-Care Giver Support Group (FEC Room 200) 6:30PM-WOR-LWML Spring General Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Fri 8</b>	11:00AM-Bulletin Assembly (FEC Conference Room) 7:00PM-Friday Night Live High School Activity (FEC)
<b>Sat 9</b>	DCE Rod Lane's Day Off 9:30AM-Chancil Guild (FEC Room 200) <b>6:00PM-Divine Service</b>
<b>Sun 10</b>	<b>8:30 &amp; 11:00AM-Divine Services</b> Mother's Day Flowers Handed Out 9:45AM-Sunday School/Bible Classes (FEC & Fellowship Hall) 9:45AM-Young Adults Bible Study (FEC 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room 200*)

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

### 490 – “Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won”



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -  
 2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is  
 3 Je - sus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Je - sus  
 4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall  
 5 Je - sus lives! And now is death But the gate of life im -



pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!  
 giv - en. I shall go where He is gone,  
 liv - ing, Pure in heart and act a - bide,  
 sev - er. Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell  
 mor - tal; This shall calm my trem - bling breath



From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er  
 Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is  
 Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I  
 Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will  
 When I pass its gloom - y por - tal. Faith shall



scenes will then com - mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 faith - ful; doubt - ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!

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## 526 – “You Are the Way; through You Alone”



1 You are the way; through You a - lone Can  
 2 You are the truth; Your Word a - lone True  
 3 You are the life; the emp - ty tomb Pro -  
 4 You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant



we the Fa - ther find; In You, O Christ, has  
 wis - dom can im - part; You on - ly can in -  
 claims Your con - qu'ring arm, And those who put their  
 us that way to know, That truth to keep, that



God re - vealed His heart and will and mind.  
 form the mind And pu - ri - fy the heart.  
 trust in You Not death nor hell shall harm.  
 life to win Whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

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## 625 – “Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread”



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, life - giv - ing bread, May I in grace  
 2 To pas - tures green, Lord, safe - ly guide, To rest - ful wa -  
 3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's de - light, For full and free  
 4 I do not mer - it fa - vor, Lord, My weight of sin



pos - sess You. Let me with ho - ly food be fed,  
 ters lead me; Your ta - ble well for me pro - vide,  
 re - mis - sion I come with prayer be - fore Your sight  
 would break me; In all my guilt - y heart's dis - cord,



In hun - ger I ad - dress You. Pre - pare me well  
 Your wound - ed hand now feed me. Though wea - ry, sin -  
 In sor - row and con - tri - tion. Your righ - teous - ness,  
 O Lord, do not for - sake me. In my dis - tress



for You, O Lord, And, hum - bly by my prayer im - plored,  
 ful, sick, and weak, Ref - uge in You a - lone I seek,  
 Lord, cov - er me That I re - ceive You wor - thi - ly,  
 this com - forts me That You re - ceive me gra - cious - ly,



Give me Your grace and mer - cy.  
 To share Your cup of heal - ing.  
 As - sured of Your full par - don.  
 O Christ, my Lord of mer - cy!

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### 468 – “I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives”



1 I am con-tent! My Je - sus ev - er lives, In whom my  
 2 I am con-tent! My Je - sus is my head; His mem - ber  
 3 I am con-tent! My Je - sus is my light, My ra - diant  
 4 I am con-tent! At length I shall be free, A - wak - ened



heart is pleased. He has ful-filled the Law of God for me,  
 I shall be. He bowed His head when on the cross He died  
 sun of grace. His cheer - ing rays beam bless - ings forth for all,  
 from the dead, A - ris - ing glo - rious ev - er - more to be



God's wrath He has ap - peased. Since He in death  
 With cries of ag - o - ny. Now death is brought  
 Sweet com - fort, hope, and peace. This Eas - ter sun  
 With You, my liv - ing head. The chains that hold



could per - ish nev - er, I al - so shall  
 in - to sub - jec - tion For me by Je -  
 has brought sal - va - tion And ev - er - last -  
 my bod - y, sev - er; Then shall my soul



not die for - ev - er. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!  
 sus' res - ur - rec - tion. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!  
 ing ex - ul - ta - tion. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!  
 re - jice for - ev - er. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!

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### 770 – “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need - less pain we bear—  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?  
 Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

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