

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

743 East Magnolia Road, Salina, KS 67401

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Worship Time: Sunday 8:00 & 10:30




2nd Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025

Welcome!

May our hearts be open to our Creator and to one another as we share in worship together.

Worship at Redeemer	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>We welcome you to Redeemer Lutheran Church in the hope that you truly experience God's gracious presence through the joy and celebration of our worship and fellowship together. We are glad that you have decided to worship with us and invite you to join us for refreshments following our service.</i> 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Redeemer is a family friendly congregation, encouraging children and youth of all ages to join us in worship. We are delighted to offer a fully equipped Cry Room located on the north wall of the sanctuary to the far left of the altar.</i> 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Restrooms are located at the west end of our Gathering Space and are wheelchair accessible. If you need a wheelchair during worship, an usher may assist you. We also have hearing devices.</i> 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>If you would like to receive more information about Redeemer or if you desire to be contacted by our pastor, please indicate so as you write your name and contact information in the visitor's book located in the gathering space.</i> <i>Please silence your mobile devices. Thank you.</i> 	
Liturgy is Sitting 1 Altar Guild: Tom Mertz & Nancy Harding	
Last week's attendance: in person attendance: 8:00 – 33, 10:30 – 107 On-line - 234 Maundy Thursday – 32, Good Friday - 28	
Pastor: Rev. David Strommen (785)827-8195 (785) 275-2247 mobile phone dstrommen@redeemer-elca.org Administrative Assistant: Becky Shulda Tues, Wed and Fri – 1:00 – 5:00 Office: 785-827-8195 Email: redeemer@redeemer-elca.org Website: redeemer-elca.org  Like us on Facebook	<u>Music Staff</u> Organist: Ruth Mirtz (rmirtz@redeemer-elca.org) Choir & Bell Choir Director: Ann Metcalfe

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PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of ✝ the One
who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.

Holy God,

we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that make a people your own,
that restore to wholeness,
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,

waters that strengthen believers
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;
waters that extend your boundless love
and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that open the hearts of believers
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;
waters that set your people on a new path,
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters
that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and
Risen One.

Amen.

WE WALK BY FAITH

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1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near and seek where you are found:
and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

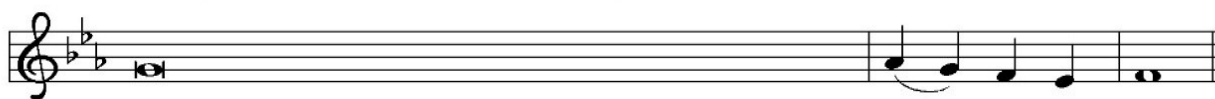
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



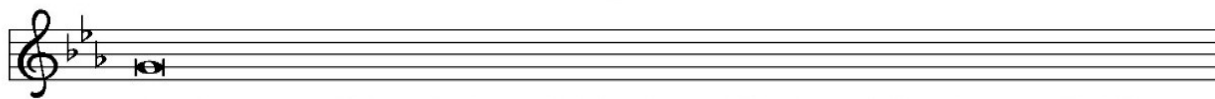
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



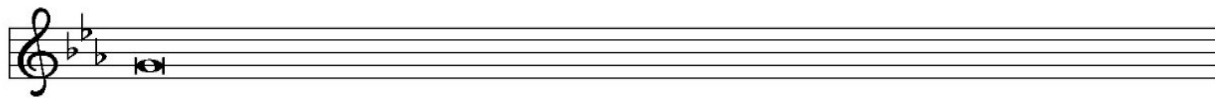
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

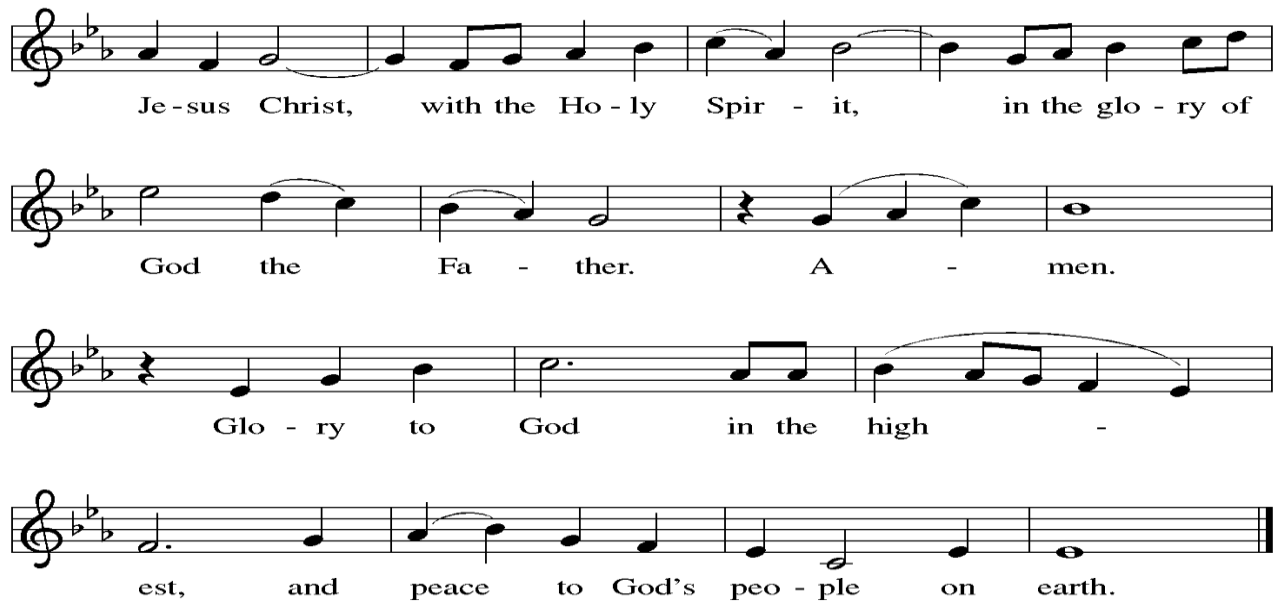
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -

lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

The image shows a musical score for a hymn titled 'HYMN OF PRAISE'. It consists of ten staves of music in a single melodic line, written in a key with three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a common time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests. Some notes are beamed together, and there are several slurs indicating phrasing. The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry to God in the high -', 'est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.', 'Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and', 'Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we', 'praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus', 'Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,', 'Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the', 'world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the', 'right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.', 'For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -', 'lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,'.



† WORD †

Prayer of the Day

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32

Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the

charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.

²⁷ When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

Psalm: Psalm 118:14-29

You are my God, and I will exalt you. (Ps. 118:28)

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength | and my song,
and has become | my salvation.

¹⁵ **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous:**

“The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!

¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD | is exalted!
The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!”

- ¹⁷ **I shall not | die, but live,
and declare the works | of the LORD. R**
- ¹⁸ The LORD indeed pun- | ished me sorely,
but did not hand me o- | ver to death.
- ¹⁹ **Open for me the | gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks | to the LORD.**
- ²⁰ “This is the gate | of the LORD;
here the righ- | teous may enter.”
- ²¹ **I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me
and you have become | my salvation. R**
- ²² The stone that the build- | ers rejected
has become the chief | cornerstone.
- ²³ **By the LORD has | this been done;
it is marvelous | in our eyes.**
- ²⁴ This is the day that the | LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.
- ²⁵ **Hosanna! | O LORD, save us!
We pray to you, LORD, pros- | per our days! R**
- ²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name | of
the LORD;
we bless you from the house | of the LORD.
- ²⁷ **The LORD is God and has giv- | en us light.
Form a procession with branches up to the
corners | of the altar.**
- ²⁸ You are my God, and | I will thank you;
you are my God, and I | will exalt you.

²⁹ Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever. R

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4-8

The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord

God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who “have not seen and yet believe.”

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came

and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

SERMON

PASTOR DAVID

TOUCH THAT SOOTHES AND HEALS ALC 939

(See my Hands and Feet)



1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurt - ing, hands that
2 Feed the hun - gry, clothe the na - ked, vis - it
3 Love and serve with - out dis - tinc - tion all earth's
4 Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil - dren, bind a



break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the
ones in need of care, give the home - less warmth and
peo - ple, first and least. Know with - in each act of
wound, pre - pare a meal, feet that rush to share good



wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:
shel - ter: Christ will find a wel - come there.
kind - ness hope and whole - ness are in - creased.
tid - ings, Christ a - ris - en, still re - veal.

Refrain



“See my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the



grave. “Be my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, “live as



ones I died to save.”

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**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin
Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of
life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness
of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Inspire the church with the breath of your Holy Spirit, that we sing the good news of the resurrection. Inspire deacons and pastors, lay leaders and bishops to boldly proclaim your love for all people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Preserve the earth as a safe home for all creatures. Restore habitats contaminated by pollution or overuse, strengthen efforts to shape more sustainable communities, and make us mindful of the impacts of our daily lives on the well-being of creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Kindle in the nations a spirit of cooperation and mutual care. Raise up creative and courageous leaders committed to shaping just solutions to complex challenges in our local and global communities (*current issues of concern may be named*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Embrace all who carry wounds, that they might know your compassion. Draw near to those with chronic pain or anxiety, and all for whom death is near. Comfort individuals and communities suffering in any way (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Transform our fear into curiosity and love, especially across differences in race, religion, sexuality, gender identity, and economic situation. Unravel stereotypes that lead to discrimination, and destroy oppressive systems that marginalize vulnerable communities. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We remember the faithful departed from all times and places. Confident that you are the Alpha and Omega, we pray for your wisdom and guidance until our earthly pilgrimage is complete. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

† MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal,

that we may live as your risen body in the world.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

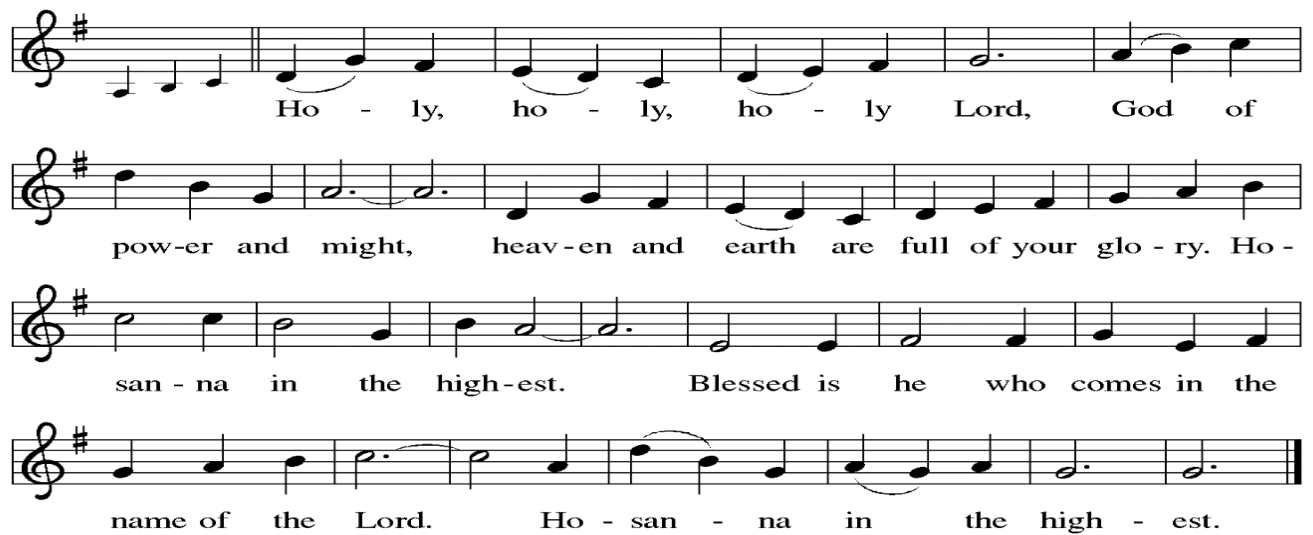
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ..... and so with the whole church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

GREAT THANKSGIVING



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

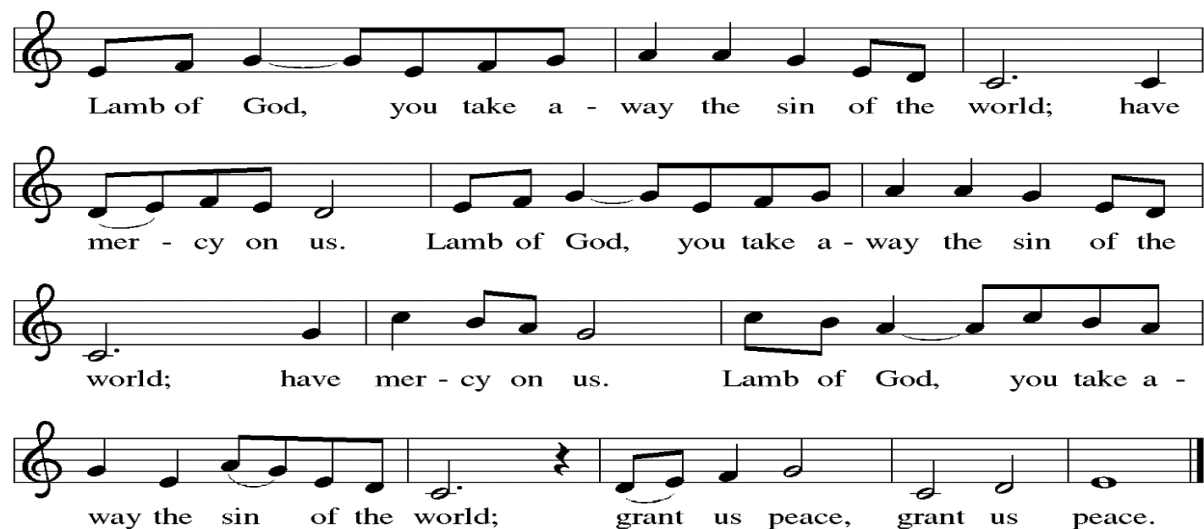
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known
to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your
glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and
weary world.

Amen.

† SENDING †

BLESSING

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn, now and
always.

Amen.

GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MET AGAIN

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1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con-found you,

with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;
 dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet, till we
 till we meet, till we meet a - gain,

meet at Je - sus' feet; till we meet, till we
 till we meet, till we meet, till we

meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 meet a - gain,

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!

Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Announcements

Flowers today are provided today by Debbie and Ray Beckman in honor of their anniversary and their family.

Thank you to all the ladies of Souper Sisters and the families of the girls going to camp this summer for helping prepare, serve and clean-up after the delicious Easter breakfast. The free will offering collected will help the 5 girls with the cost of going to church camp this summer. If you would still like to help the girls you may either give through the offering just mark your envelope – camp for girls or give through Realm. Thank you from the girls.

Today is Pastor David's last Sunday to Preach here at Redeemer. We wish him well in his new call. To honor and thank him for his service the council is hosting a potluck dinner after the 10:30 service.

Starting May 4th, we will be going to one service for the summer at 9:30. May 4th we will be having a creation-themed service. Afterwards a short video on the monarch butterfly will be shown and then we will plant flowers and milk weed. On May 11th Pastor David Whetter from the Synod will be here to lead us in worship. A question-and-answer time following the service to answer questions about the call process.

VBS will be held May 21st – 23rd (Wednesday – Friday) this year. More details will be coming in the next few weeks.

Immanuel Lutheran Church will be celebration their 155th Anniversary on May 4th. They will have a church service at 9:30 am followed by tours and dinner. Please RVSP to the church office at 785-825-4750 or email at Immanuel.anniversary@gmail.com. By April 24th If you would like to eat dinner which is provided.

This Week at Redeemer		
Sunday (27 th)	8:00	Worship in person and on-line
	10:30	Worship in person and on-line
	11:30	Pot-luck for Pastor
Wednesday (30 th)	5:30	Godly Play/Connect
	7:15	Choir practice
Sunday(4 th)	9:30	Worship in person and on-line
	10:30	Worship in person and on-line

Partners in Ministry

Altar Guild Tom Mertz & Nancy Harding

This Sunday April 27	Next Sunday May 4
8:00	One Service at 9:30
Greeter/Usher Jan Jackson	Greeters Mike Ramage/ Sam Neff
Lector/Communion Mary Shaffer	Ushers Wayne & Carol Keeler
Sound Perry Jurgensen	Lector Kris Johanson
10:30	Communion Rod Anderson
Greeters Marty Holmquist/ Joe	Sound Ray Beckman
Plumer	Fellowship Arlene Keil
Ushers Sam Neff/ Kathy Heinrich	
Lector Lana Jordan	
Communion Ray Beckman	
Sound Kyle Tonniges	
Fellowship Potluck	

~ PRAYER REQUESTS ~

MEMBERS: Diane Conover, Rylee Koers, Brock Alstatt, Mikayla Knipp, Wally Koers

REDEEMER FRIENDS:

Family of Richard Stevens
 Dana Tucker (Niece of Sue Mettlen)
 AJ Conley (Cousin of Scott Itschner)
 Brenda Frantz and family (Friends of Wally Koers)
 Ben White (Father of Mary Mertz)
 Bob Mitchell (Friend of Pastor)
 Dennis Hansen (Pastor David's Brother)
 Wayne & Dorothy Hanke (Parents of Debbie Beckman)
 Pastor Tim Leaf (Pastor at Trinity Lutheran in McPherson)

David Ascher (Friend of Mary Shaffer)
Joe Metzen (Friend of Tom & Mary Mertz)
Joyce Kraus (Mother of Alicia Miller)
Douglas Strohmer (Brother-in-law of Wally Koers)
Sandra Anderson (Daughter-in-law of Cecelia Anderson)
Eva Decker (Friend of Mary Mertz)
Dina Tannous Vega and family and friends of Hope Lutheran Church
in Ramallah (Friend of Mary Bridges)
Susan Burklund (Sister of Kathy Heinrich)
Mike Holmes (Nancy McDonald's Brother-in-law)
Tanner Conrad (Friend of Kyle & Eugene Hale-Hanson)
Donnie Butrea (Friend of Kyle & Eugene Hale-Hanson)
Jerome Herrman (Nephew of Charlotte & Dave Herrman)
Janie Morris (Friend of Mary Mertz)
Patricia Beaver (Friend of Carol Keeler and Mary Mertz)
Zach Swanson (Grandson of Sandi and Tom Drown)
Carissa Carlson (Niece of Tim and Anna Prockish)
Brenda Busch (Aunt of Jon Stohs)
Rich Novotne (Brother of Anita Hartley)
Dannie Tillberg, (Friend of Mary Shaffer)
Christal Lantz (Friend of Mary Shaffer)
Keith Smith (Husband of Debbie Smith)
Bryan & Therese Sisler (Brother & Sister-in-law of Kathy Lowman &
Diane Conover)
Echternkamp Family (Friends of Viv & Jim Cook)
Judy Bloyd (Former member & friend of Denise Dusin)
Randall Cunningham (Cousin of Anna Prockish)
Crystal Kubar (Stepdaughter of Diane Conover)
Joann Singer (Mother of Carol Kuhlman)
Carrie Ryan Wilson (Friend of Mary Shaffer)

Phil Rankin (Father of David Rankin)
Tisha Berns (Friend of Mary Shaffer)
Dean Yantes (Brother to Jean Sedo)
Wilma Beckman (Mother to Susan Ramage)
Frank Ewing (Family friend to Nancy McDonald)
Melinda Melhus (Family friends to Nancy McDonald, Aunt of Spencer Melhus)
Jeni Blair (Friend of CeCelia Anderson)
Beverly Alstatt (Mother of Craig Alstatt)

MILITARY & AMERICORPS

Tanner Gibson (Great-nephew to Cecelia Anderson)
Eric Blomberg, USS Laboon, (Nephew of Mary Shaffer)