

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH Third Sunday of Easter Sunday, April 18, 2021, 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 21, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

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The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

#### Key to hymnals:

ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red); page numbers are in front, hymns in back WOV = With One Voice (blue); page numbers are in front, hymns in back STS = Spirit Touching Spirit (grey)
LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship (green)

\* = Please rise

# **GATHERING**

#### Prelude

#### Welcome and Announcements

We welcome all who are gathered with us for worship, whether in person or via the livestream! If you are worshipping with us via the livestream, please send a text message to Rev. Darrel Cory at 218-791-0141 to let us know from where you are worshipping.

WOV #791

All turn and face the processional cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.

#### Refrain

Alabaré, alabaré, alabaré a mi Señor. Alabaré, alabaré, alabaré a mi Señor.

- John saw the number of all those redeemed, and all were singing praises to the Lord. Thousands were praying, ten thousands rejoicing, and all were singing praises to the Lord. Refrain
- Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood has set us free from ev'ry sin. Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and all blessing shall be his. Refrain
- 3 Sing with the people, the people of God, and join creation in a joyful hymn.
  Blessing and honor and glory and might to God and to the Lamb be without end. *Refrain*

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### \*Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia, Christ is risen!!

Christ is risen indeed!! Alleluia!!!

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

(Water is poured)

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, traveling through the Thief, Red Lake, and Red Rivers, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

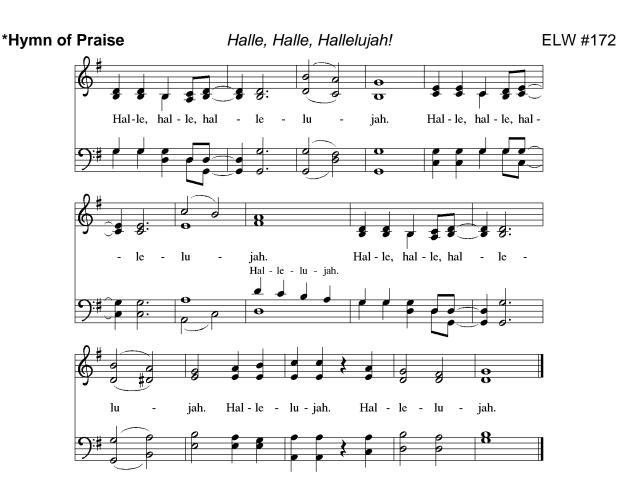
Alleluia, Christ is risen!!

Christ is risen indeed!! Alleluia!!!

### \*Greeting

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

C: And also with you.



Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954 Arr.  $\ @$  1995 Augsburg Fortress.

### \*Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.** 

P: Let us pray...

C: Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection 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.

# **WORD**

Acts 3:12-19

<sup>12</sup>[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

<sup>17</sup>"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 133

- Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- <sup>2</sup>"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"
- <sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; the LORD will hear me when I call.
- <sup>4</sup>Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- <sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.
- <sup>6</sup>Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?" Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.
- <sup>7</sup>You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.
- In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me rest secure.

#### 1 John 3:1-7

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

\*Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke...

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things."

P: The gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Rev. Darrel Cory



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### \*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### \*Prayers of the Church

L: ...Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

For the assembly's prayer today, the 7th grade Confirmation class has added an intercession.

#### \*Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

# **MEAL**

### Offering

We welcome you to Redeemer Lutheran Church this day! In-person worshippers can place their offering in the offering plate before the service or at this time. Your tithes and offerings submitted via the Postal Service or electronically are also gratefully appreciated.

### \*Offertory

# Let the Vineyards



## \*The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

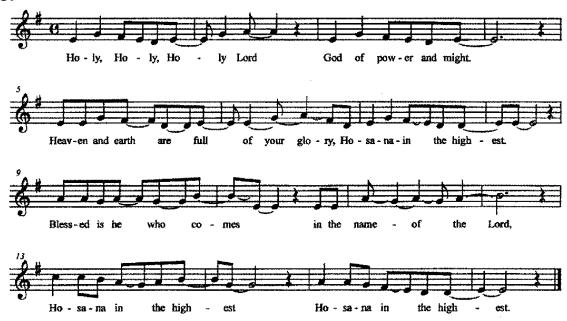
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

#### \*Sanctus

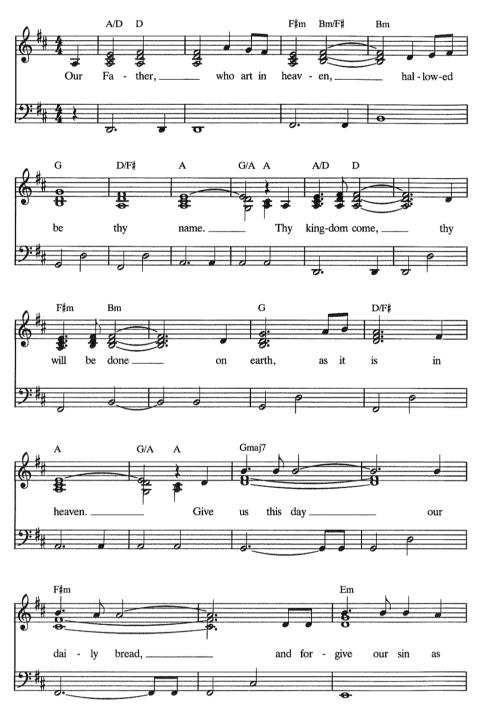
L: ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C:



In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.





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#### Distribution

If you are worshipping with us via the livestream, we invite you to join in celebrating at Christ's table wherever you are, with bread and wine, grape juice, or water, as we remain physically separated yet "together met, together bound by all that God has done" and "the love that makes us one." ("I Come with Joy". ELW #482)

If you are worshipping with us in person today, know that all who come seeking Jesus are invited to receive these gifts of God. Please approach the serving station at the front of the church using the center aisle. One side of the church will be served at a time.

Please wait to leave your pew until the last person in the pew ahead of yours has reached the serving station, so that we maintain proper social distancing.

As you approach the serving station, please cup your hands together and stretch them out toward the server; the bread will be dropped into your hands. Then as you move to the wine, a server will remove an individual pre-filled cup, place it on the table, and step back; you may then pick up the cup from the table. Then return to your pew via the outside aisles. Be mindful of the cables for the livestream running across the floor.

Our bread is a new recipe that is gluten- and other allergen-free.

If you wish to receive grape juice instead of wine, please indicate that to the server; a cup of white grape juice will be given to you.



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## \*Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

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C: Amen.

# **SENDING**

#### \*Benediction

ELW #674

All face the processional cross as it is carried from the sanctuary.



- 1 Let us tal-ents and tongues em-ploy, reach-ing out with a shout of joy:
- 2 Christ is a ble to make us one, at the ta ble he sets the tone,
- 3 Je sus calls us in, sends us out bear-ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro-ken, the wine is poured, teach-ing peo-ple to live to bless, gives us love to tell, bread to share:

Christ is spo-ken and seen and heard. love in word and in deed ex-press. God (Im-man-u-el) ev-'ry-where!



Je - sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a - bound!

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Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980
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#### \*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

## **ASSISTING IN MINISTRY TODAY**

Presiding: Rev. Darrel Cory

Acolyte: Madison Crane

Lector: Phyliss Johnson (9:30), Denice Nelson (6:30)

Communion Minister: Madison Crane

Musicians: Paula Adamson, Greg Dally, Dean Dalen Serving at the Altar: Phyliss Johnson and Denice Nelson

Video: Dave Ulrich

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<u>Our Mission Statement:</u> Being chosen by God and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, Redeemer Lutheran Church gathers together to worship, serve and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people, to provide meaning and purpose for daily living.

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# CALENDAR FOR APRIL 18-28, 2021

Sunday, April 18	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
Tuesday, April 20	6:00pm	Church Council meeting
Wednesday, April 21	5:00pm 6:30pm 7:30pm	7 <sup>th</sup> grade confirmation (in person) Worship with Holy Communion 8 <sup>th</sup> grade confirmation (in person)
Saturday, April 24	9:00-11:00am	Acolyte Training
Sunday, April 25	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
Tuesday, April 27	6:30pm	Altar Guild meeting
Wednesday, April 28	5:00pm 6:30pm 7:30pm	7 <sup>th</sup> grade confirmation (in person) Worship with Holy Communion 8 <sup>th</sup> grade confirmation (in person)

# **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

In your prayers this week please remember Maxine Holmstrom, Sharon Bugge, Rick Hanson, Lowell Burkel, Pearl Johnson, David Grovum, David Jarvi (Susan Froiland's brother), Dan Parker (Mike Parker's brother), Tami Hanson, Julie Kiesow (Lavonne Forsberg's sister), Scott Hickerson, Karen Burgus (Chris Burnham's sister), Dale Folger, Joyce Froschheiser, Ken Poole, Mike Gilbertson, Rose Teie, Fern Melbye, Brooklyn Poe, Mark Thompson (Dale & Jan Dillon's son-in-law), Larry Forsberg, Annabelle Cuppett, Jeremy Johnson, Chad Gunderson, Shelley Steva, and Molly Dahlin and family.

Especially during these uncertain times, God calls us to certain tasks, and we call on God's help to fulfill them.

Dear Lord, we call on you now to guide us through the tasks ahead of us. Amen

**Altar flowers this day** are given by Greg and Sue Brekke in honor of Roy & Ruth Sorum and Leonard & Vivian Brekke.

**Acolyte training** for students 6th grade and older is on Saturday April 24th, 9-11am. Respond to Madison (email, message, or call) if your student is able or unable to attend.

### From the Property Committee:

As some of you may know, Redeemer is replacing part of our roof this spring, specifically the Fellowship Hall and classroom and office wings. The bid for this project is \$20,093.51, and with all expenses will round out to around \$24,000. We are asking for your help.

We are hoping that as a congregation we can raise \$15,000 to offset this large cost. While there is money to pay for this project using the Capital Improvement fund, it would basically deplete the fund, leaving us with little for unexpected expenses that could arise.

If you can donate, please consider sending or dropping off a check to the Redeemer Office. If sending a check, please put "Roof" or something similar in the memo so that your donation is allocated correctly. We also have a button available on our online giving with Vanco labeled "Capital Improvement."

We are thankful for your support of this project.

The Evangelism and Social Ministry Committee is sponsoring a "SOCK IT TO ME" event through the month of April. We will be collecting NEW socks for men, women, and children in a basket in the narthex to be donated to homeless shelters in our area. All types of socks will be appreciated, but they should be new.

**The Faith, Family, Fellowship Committee** is in need of a good working refrigerator and freezer. Please contact the church office 681-3390 if you have one or know of someone who has one. Thank you.

## Financial Stewardship for 2021:

**Weekly Giving – week of April 5-11:** \$2567.25 (\$5,283 needed each week to meet budgeted expenses)

**March Income:** \$12,723.67 (\$22,894 needed each month to meet budgeted expenses)

Year-to-Date Income: \$36,489.67 (\$45,788 budgeted year-to-date)

Weekly Giving includes cash and envelopes mailed to the church, dropped off at the church, or placed in the plate each week; it also includes some forms of electronic giving (e.g.: Vanco). Monthly income includes all forms of electronic giving.

**Altar flower purchases for 2021 are available now.** Please contact the church office if you would like to purchase flowers. Any flowers that were purchased for the time when indoor public worship was suspended in 2020 will be moved to the corresponding week in 2021.

**Wednesday services have resumed!** Services at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday will follow the same liturgy as the <u>previous</u> Sunday. (This is a change from prior to the pandemic.) The Sunday service will continue to be livestreamed.

**Revised Protocols for Worship and Other Events:** The COVID Preparedness Team has revised Redeemer's COVID Preparedness Plan with the following changes:

- Seating in the sanctuary will be every other pew (available pews are marked).
   This increases our capacity to at least 80 individuals at a service, depending on the size of one's family unit. Social distancing will still be maintained.
- All who come to Redeemer for worship or other events will need to sign in, in the event contact tracing needs to be done, but we will no longer ask for temperature checks.
- We no longer are asking people to call the office to RSVP for worship. Simply come as you are to worship!

We are thankful that we have been able to relax some of our protocols, and we encourage everyone to continue to work to limit the spread of COVID so that we can return to our normal activities sooner!

We are now back to normal office hours, 8:30am-1:30pm. For your safety and the safety of our staff, we are requesting when you come to Redeemer that you wear a mask and practice social distancing.

**Church Announcements:** Please make sure to have your announcements in every week to Vanessa VanDam by **Monday at 10:00 a.m.** so that the preparation of bulletins does not get delayed.

**Quarterly statements** are available upon request; please contact Vanessa at the church office.

**Monthly Treasurer's Reports** are available anytime for viewing. Contact Marit Martell or the church office.