

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH Fourth Sunday of Easter Sunday, April 25, 2021, 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 28, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

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Order of Worship (ELW Setting 1)
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The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

#### Key to hymnals in the pews:

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)

Hymnals we do not have in the pews but use their resources in our bulletins: ACS = All Creation Sings (purple; the new hymnal supplement of the ELCA) 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.

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



Text: Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, alt.

Music: ST. PAUL'S ARDMORE, Robert A. Hobby, b. 1962

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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.

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

(Water is poured)

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.

(Water is poured)

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.

(Water is poured)

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

(Water is poured)

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

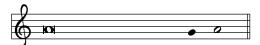
We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. Amen.

### \*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.

\*Kyrie ELW p. 147



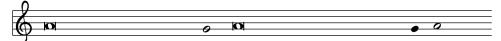
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.





For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.

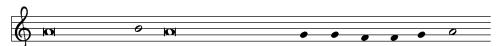




For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,





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

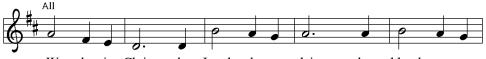
#### \*Canticle of Praise

## This is the Feast of Victory

ELW p. 149



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and





## \*Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

# **WORD**

#### Acts 4:5-12

<sup>5</sup>The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 23



The tone is played once; all hum the tone once; then the psalm is chanted responsively.

<sup>1</sup>The LORD | is my shepherd; I shall not | be in want.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures and leads me be- | side still waters.

<sup>3</sup>You restore my | soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.

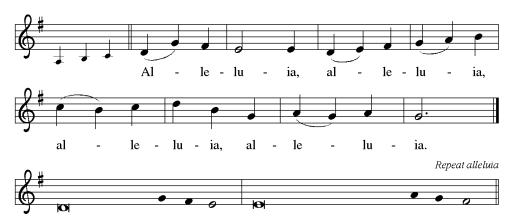
#### 1 John 3:16-24

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.



\*Gospel: John 10:11-18

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>11</sup>"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the sheepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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





Text: Tanzanian traditional; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922 Music: NENO LAKE MUNGU, Tanzanian tune; arr. Austin C. Lovelace, b. 1919 Text © 1968 Lutheran Theological College, Makumira, Tanzania, admin. Augsburg Fortress. Arr. © 1968 Austin C. Lovelace, admin. Augsburg Fortress. \*Hymn of the Day The King of Love My Shepherd Is ELW #502



- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth; and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
- And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.
   Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877 Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish tune

#### \*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.

# <u>MEAL</u>

#### 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.



Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980 Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

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### \*Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

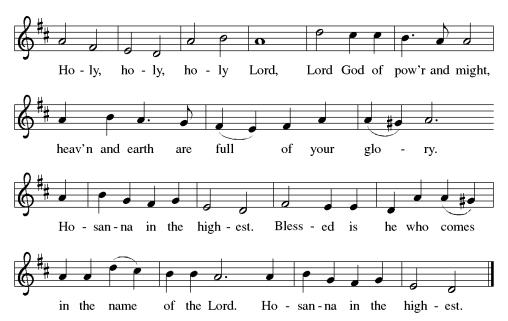
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*Sanctus** ELW p. 153



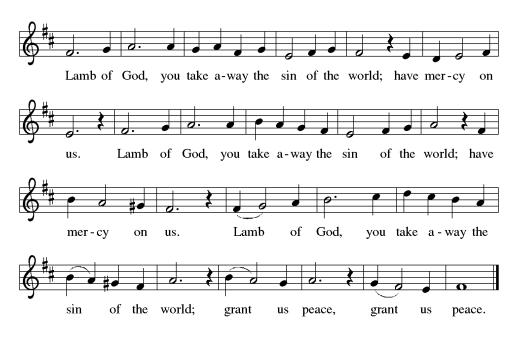
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

### \*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.

\*Agnus Dei ELW p. 154



#### 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)

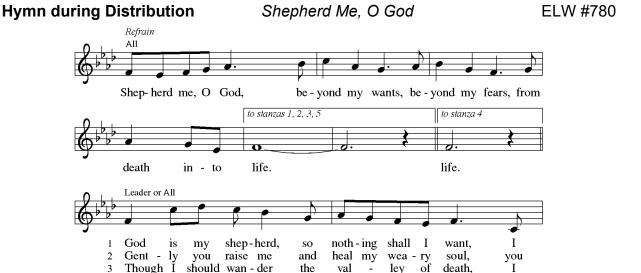
If you are worshipping with us in person today, know that all who come seeking Jesus are invited to receive these gifts of God. Please approach the serving station at the front of the church using the center aisle. One side of the church will be served at a time.

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, using the narthex as necessary. 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.

C: Amen.



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# **SENDING**

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### \*Benediction and Threefold Amen



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



#### \*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### Postlude

## ASSISTING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Presiding: Rev. Darrel Cory

Acolyte: Dave Ulrich

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

Communion Minister: Jan Anderson (9:30), Denice Nelson (6:30)

Cantor: Chris Cuppett Organist: Reid Froiland

Serving at the Altar: Phyliss Johnson and Denice Nelson

Acolyte/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 25–MAY 5, 2021**

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)
Sunday, May 2	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
Wednesday, May 5	6:30pm	Worship with Holy Communion

# **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 Tom Kays in loving memory of his loving wife Dianne Kays.

**We remind the congregation** that if you are contributing to the Roof fund, please summit a check separate from your weekly offering; it makes it easier for record keeping.

**Meals on Wheels:** Redeemer delivers Meals on Wheels the week of May 31-June 4; the signup sheet is in the Narthex, or you can call the church office to volunteer. We need 3 drivers a day. Meals are picked up in the lobby of the Law Enforcement Center at 11:15am.

### 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 12-18:** \$3539.00 (\$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 (through March 31): \$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.