



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
Fifth Sunday of Easter
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Order of Worship (ELW Setting 4)

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This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

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.

***Gathering Hymn**

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

ELW #377

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



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

*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.**

Alleluia, Christ is risen!!
Christ is risen indeed!! Alleluia!!!

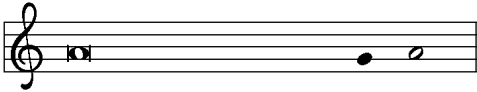
***Greeting**

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.**

***Kyrie**

ELW p. 147



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



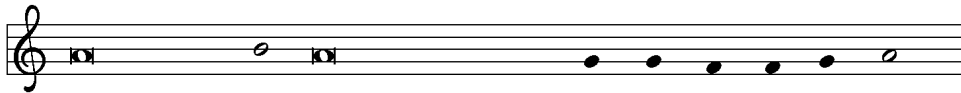
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



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

***Canticle of Praise**

This is the Feast of Victory

ELW p. 149

Refrain

Assisting minister



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

All



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



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

Acts 8:26-40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

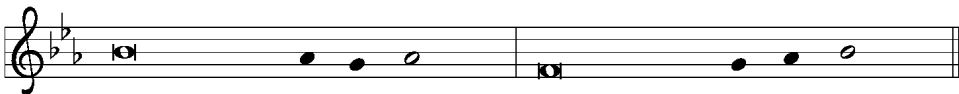
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:25-31



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

- ²⁵From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.
- ²⁶**The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,**
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever!
- ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.
- ²⁸**For dominion belongs | to the LORD,**
who rules o- | ver the nations.
- ²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore the LORD.
- ³⁰**Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,**
whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.
- ³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,
saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!"

1 John 4:7-21

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**

ELW p. 102

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia

***Gospel: John 15:1-8**

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

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because

apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

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

Sermon

Rev. Darrel Cory

***Hymn of the Day**

O Blessed Spring

ELW #447



1 O bless - ed spring, where word and sign em - brace us
 2 Through sum - mer heat of youth - ful years, un - cer - tain
 3 When au - tumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their
 4 As win - ter comes, as win - ters must, we breathe our
 5 Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, be praised for



in - to Christ the Vine: here Christ en - joins each one to
 faith, re - bel - lious tears, sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing
 heav - y har - vest hold, then through us, warm, the Christ will
 last, re - turn to dust; still held in Christ, our souls take
 this blest mys - ter - y: that word and wa - ter thus re -



be a branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.
 rain, the boughs will shout for joy a - gain.
 move with gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.
 wing and trust the prom - ise of the spring.
 vive and join us to your Tree of Life.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953
 Music: BERGLUND, Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950
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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 Be Fruitful

ELW #184



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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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



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.

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.

Hymn during Distribution

I Received the Living God

ELW #477

Refrain



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



- 1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
- 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
- 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
- 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,



Refrain

you who will par-take of me need not ev - er fear to die.
so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.
but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

Text: Anonymous
Music: LIVING GOD, Anonymous

*Post-Communion Blessing

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

C: Amen.

*Post-Communion Canticle

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

ELW #207



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927
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SENDING

*Benediction and Threefold Amen

A - men, A - men, A - - - men.

The image shows a musical score for a threefold Amen. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. Both staves are in the key of D major (one sharp). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'A - men, A - men, A - - - men.' are written below the treble staff. The first two 'Amen's are followed by a long dash, indicating a prolonged note.

*Sending Hymn

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

ELW #389
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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

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789

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ASSISTING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Presiding: Rev. Darrel Cory

Acolyte: Kylie Gustafson and Hailey Leatherwood (9:30), Madison Crane (6:30)

Lector: Jan Anderson (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: Susan Brekke and Carol Ihle

Video: Dave Ulrich (9:30)

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Our Mission Statement: 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 MAY 2-12, 2021

Sunday, May 2	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
Tuesday, May 4	4:30pm	Evangelism & Social Ministry meeting
	5:30pm	Faith Formation committee Meeting
	6:40pm	Worship & Music committee meeting
Wednesday, May 5	5:00pm	7 th grade confirmation (in person)
	6:30pm	Worship with Holy Communion
	7:30pm	8 th grade confirmation (in person)
Sunday, May 9	<i>Happy Mother's Day</i>	
	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
Monday, May 10	5:30pm	Property committee meeting
Wednesday, May 12	5:00pm	7 th grade confirmation (in person)
	6:30pm	Worship with Holy Communion
	7:30pm	8 th 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 Dan and Patsy Lindquist in honor of loved ones and by Dale and Jan Dillon in memory of Dale's parents.

We are getting close to reach our roofing fund goal; as of right now the roof fund is at \$9,710. Our goal is \$15,000. Thank you to all those who have contributed!

We remind the congregation that if you are contributing to the Roof fund, please submit 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.

Financial Stewardship for 2021:

Weekly Giving – week of April 19-25: \$4567.30 (\$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.

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.

Wednesday services have resumed! Services at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday will follow the same liturgy as the previous 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.