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Order of Worship

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This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

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

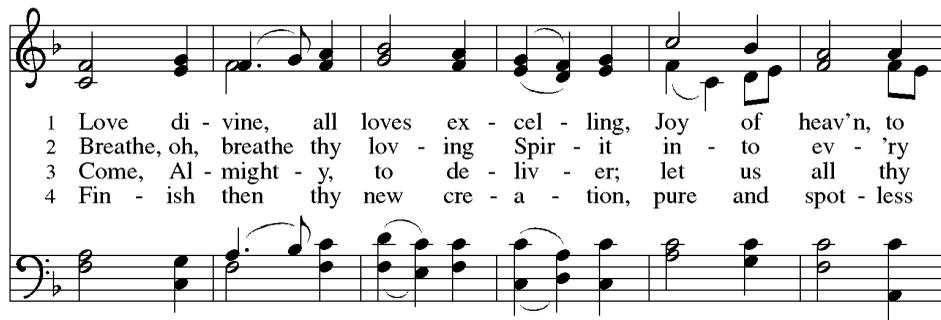
We welcome all who are gathered with us for worship, whether in person or via the livestream! If you are worshipping with us via the livestream, please send a text message to Rev. Darrel Cory at 218-791-0141 to let us know from where you are worshipping.

***Gathering Hymn**

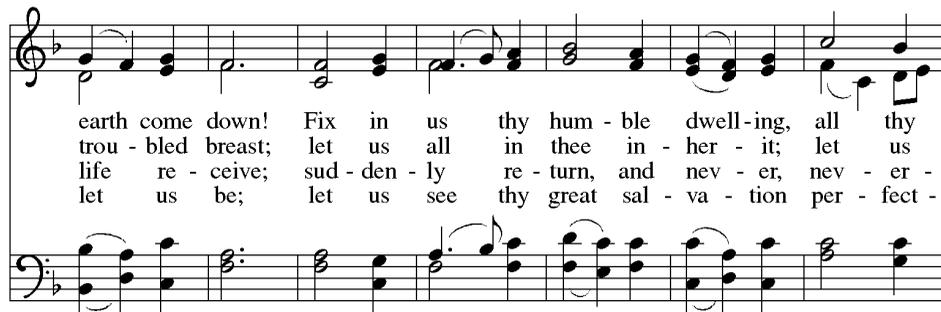
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

ELW #631

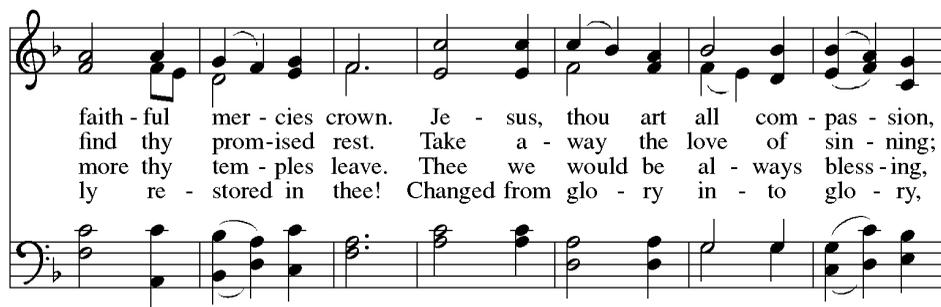
All turn and face the processional cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

*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.

***Hymn of Praise**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

ELW #172

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.'

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: O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

Acts 10:44-48

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word.
⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.
²**O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**
³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**
⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.
⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**
⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.
⁸**Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the
earth.**
⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

1 John 5:1-6

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel: John 15:9-17

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the DayJesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

ELW #708

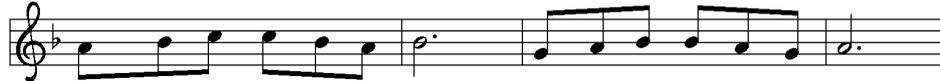
Refrain



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
 3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:



Refrain

mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
 all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
 this is the way we will live with you.

Text: Tom Colvin, 1925-2000, alt.

Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

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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



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful Lord and fill to the brim the cup of bless - ing.



Gath-er a har - vest from the seeds that were sewn 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 off - er.



Grace our ta - ble with your pre-sence and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*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:



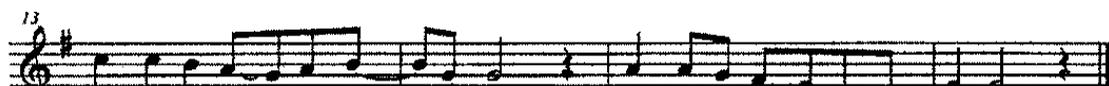
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of pow - er and might.



Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - sa - na - in the high - est.



Bless-ed is he who co - mes in the name - of the Lord,



Ho - sa - na in the high - est Ho - sa - na in the high - est.

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

STS #28

A/D D F#m Bm/F# Bm

Our Fa - ther, _____ who art in heav - en, _____ hal - low - ed

G D/F# A G/A A A/D D

be thy name. _____ Thy king - dom come, _____ thy

F#m Bm G D/F#

will be done _____ on earth, as it is in

A G/A A Gmaj7

heaven. _____ Give us this day _____ our

F#m Em

dai - ly bread, _____ and for - give our sin as

G/A A Bm Bm/A Gmaj7

we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. And

Em9 D/A

lead us not in - to temp - ta -

A Em9 D/A A

tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil, for

Gmaj7 F#m

thine is the king - dom, and the

Gmaj7 F#m

pow - er, and the glo - ry. for

Em G/A D

ev - er - more and ev - er - more. A - men.

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.

1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
 2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
 3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.

Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
 There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,

teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
 may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

***Post-Communion Blessing**

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

C: Amen.

SENDING

***Benediction**

***Sending Hymn**

What Wondrous Love Is This

ELW #666
(next page)

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

What Wondrous Love Is This

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down,
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Paul J. Christiansen, 1914–1997, alt.

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ASSISTING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Presiding: Rev. Darrel Cory

Acolyte: Dave Ulrich (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)

Musicians: Paula Adamson, Greg Dally, Dean Dalen

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 9-19, 2021

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 6:30pm 7:30pm	7 th grade confirmation (in person) Worship with Holy Communion 8 th grade confirmation (in person)
Sunday, May 16	<i>Celebration of Seniors</i> 9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
Tuesday, May 18	6:00pm	Council meeting
Wednesday, May 19	<i>Last day of confirmation classes</i> 5:00pm 6:30pm 7:30pm	7 th grade confirmation (in person) Worship with Holy Communion 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 Jan Anderson in memory of Bob Anderson.

Meals on Wheels: Redeemer delivers Meals on Wheels the week of May 31-June 4; the sign-up 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.

We are getting close to reach our roofing fund goal; as of right now the roof fund is at \$11,860. 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.

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 26–May 2: \$1544.00 (\$5,283 needed each week to meet budgeted expenses)

April Income: \$20,8633.62 (\$22,894 needed each month to meet budgeted expenses)

Year-to-Date Income (through April 30): \$75,607.20 (\$91,576 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.