



**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday, May 16, 2021, 9:30 a.m.**  
**Wednesday, May 19, 2021, 6:30 p.m.**

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Order of Worship (ELW Setting 4)

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*The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy 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**

*Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

ELW #383

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



- 1 Christ is ris-en! Shout Ho-san-na! Cel-e-brate this day of days!
- 2 Christ is ris-en! Raise your spir-its from the cav-erns of de-spair.
- 3 Christ is ris-en! Earth and heav-en nev-er-more shall be the same.



Christ is ris-en! Hush in won-der: all cre-a-tion is a-mazed.  
Walk with glad-ness in the morn-ing. See what love can do and dare.  
Break the bread of new cre-a-tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des-ert all-sur-round-ing, see, a spread-ing tree has grown.  
Drink the wine of res-ur-rec-tion, not a ser-vant, but a friend.  
Tell its grim, de-mon-ic chor-us: "Christ is ris-en! Get you gone!"



Heal-ing leaves of grace a-bound-ing bring a taste of love un-known.  
Je-sus is our strong com-pan-ion. Joy and peace shall nev-er end.  
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho-san-na, ev-'ry-one!

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Music: TURNBULL, Thomas Pavlechko, 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.**

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

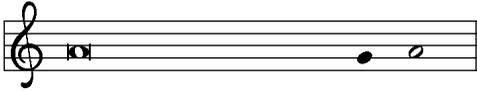
**\*Greeting**

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.



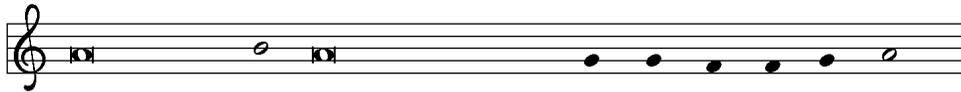
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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: Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**



**<sup>6</sup>For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

1 John 5:9-13

<sup>9</sup>If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. <sup>10</sup>Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

<sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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 17:6-19**

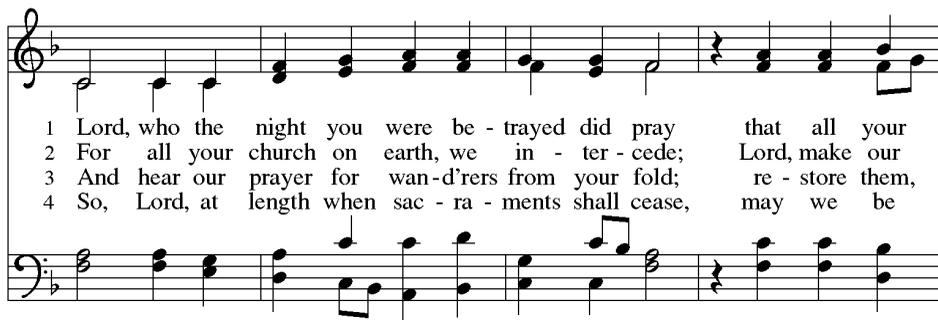
P: The holy gospel according to St. John...

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

<sup>6</sup>“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

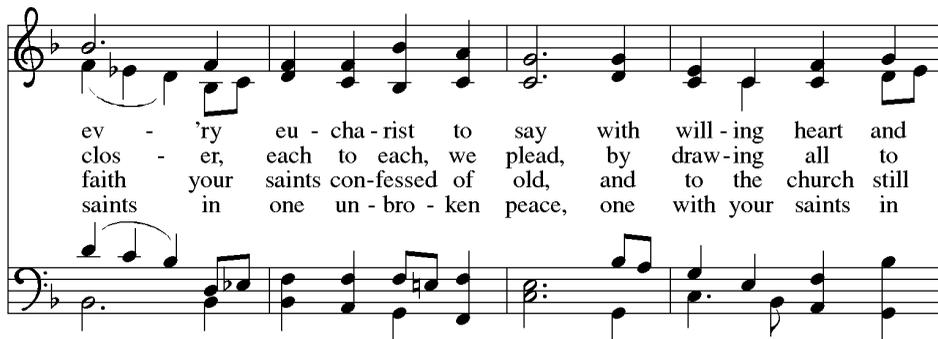
**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**



1 Lord, who the night you were be - trayed did pray that all your  
2 For all your church on earth, we in - ter - cede; Lord, make our  
3 And hear our prayer for wan-d'ers from your fold; re - store them,  
4 So, Lord, at length when sac - ra - ments shall cease, may we be



church might be for - ev - er one: help us at  
sad di - vi - sions soon to cease; draw us all  
too, Good Shep - herd of the sheep, back to the  
one with all your church a - bove— one with your



ev - 'ry eu - cha - rist to say with will - ing heart and  
clos - er, each to each, we plead, by draw - ing all to  
faith your saints con - fessed of old, and to the church still  
saints in one un - bro - ken peace, one with your saints in



soul, "Your will be done." Oh, may we all one bread, one  
you, O Prince of peace; thus may we all one bread, one  
pledged that faith to keep. Soon may we all one bread, one  
one un - bound - ed love; more bless - ed still, in peace and

bod - y be, through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.  
 bod - y be, through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.  
 bod - y be, through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.  
 love to be one with the Trin - i - ty in u - ni - ty.

Text: William H. Turton, 1856–1938, alt.  
 Music: SONG 1, Orlando Gibbons, 1583–1625

## \*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



bles-sing. 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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## \*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.

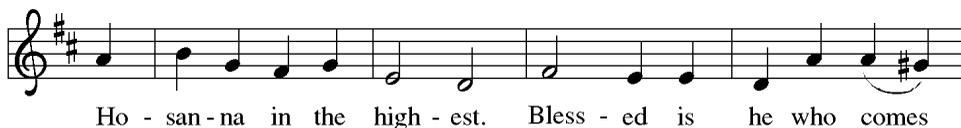
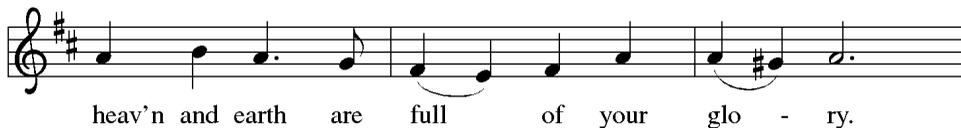
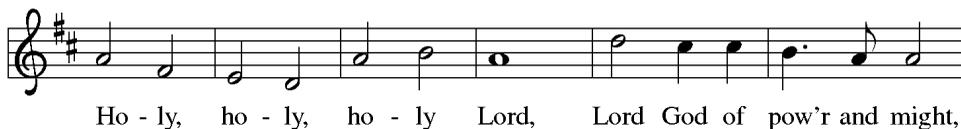
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.**

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.*



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

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Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

## \*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 - jice 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.

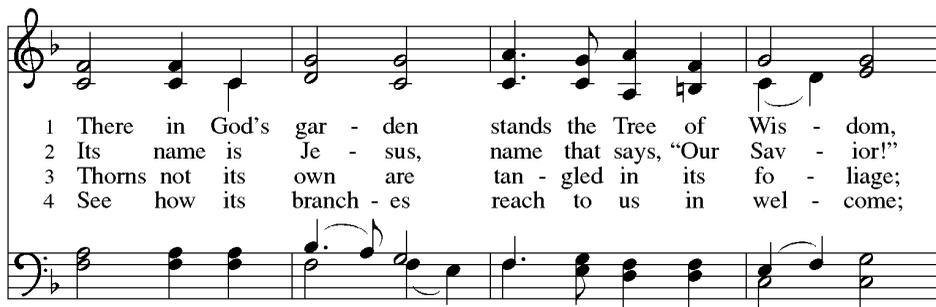
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## SENDING

## \*Benediction and Threefold Amen

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

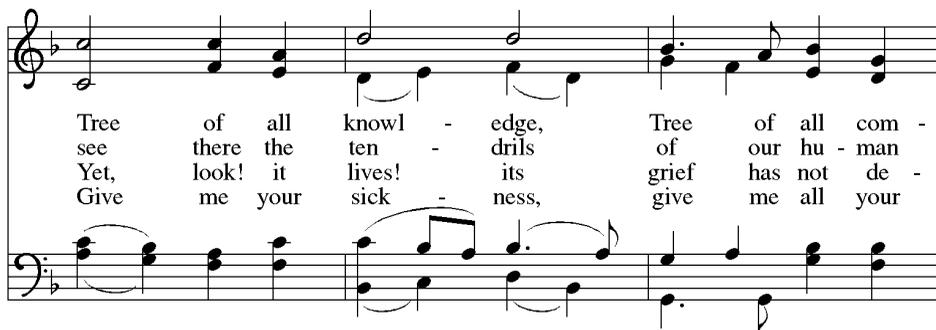
All face the processional cross as it is carried from the sanctuary.



1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,  
2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"  
3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;  
4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;



whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:  
There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;  
our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.  
hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!



Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -  
see there the ten - drils of our hu - man  
Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -  
Give me your sick - ness, give me all your



pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.  
self - hood feed on its life - blood.  
stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.  
sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

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5 This is my ending,  
this my resurrection;  
into your hands, Lord,  
I commit my spirit.  
This have I searched for;  
now I can possess it.  
This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,  
"Thanks to Christ whose passion  
offers in mercy  
healing, strength, and pardon.  
Peoples and nations,  
take it, take it freely!"  
Amen! My Master!

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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 (9:30 and 6:30), Luke Solheim (9:30)

Lector: Jan Anderson (9:30), Denice Nelson (6:30)

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

Organist/Liturgist: Reid Froiland

Cantor: Chris Cuppett

Serving at the Altar: Susan Brekke, Carol Ihle, Renae Dalen

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 16-26, 2021

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 <sup>th</sup> grade confirmation (in person) Worship with Holy Communion 8 <sup>th</sup> grade confirmation (in person)
Friday, May 21	5:30-6:30pm	Synod Assembly practice
Saturday, May 22	8:30am-3:30pm	Synod Assembly
Sunday, May 23	<i>Pentecost (All are welcomed to wear red)</i> 9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
Tuesday, May 25	6:30pm	Altar Guild meeting
Wednesday, May 26	<b>Outdoor Worship</b> <i>Pentecost (All are welcomed to wear red)</i> 6:30pm 7:30pm	Worship with Holy Communion in the backyard Meal to be served prior to the service Bonfire and Kickball

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**In your prayers** this week please remember Donna Manning (Carol Ihle's mother), 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 Pastor Mark & Pauline Helgeland in memory of Mark's sister Judi Helgeland and by Shirley Booth in memory of Dean Booth.

***You are invited to wear RED Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday, May 26 in celebration of Pentecost.***

**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.

**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:** \$4,312.44 (\$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.