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REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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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Dear Redeemer Saints,

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Easter has arrived! It was a long, cold, dark Lent, but “The three sad days have quickly sped, He rises, victorious from the dead!”

Easter has arrived. Easter is a season that lasts until Pentecost, which is a full fifty days after the first day of Easter. For fifty days we are invited to continue the celebration. For fifty days we are called to let the “Alleluias” that had been put away during Lent to be sung boldly, brilliantly, beautifully. For fifty days we are invited to be an uncommonly “joyful people of God.”

Easter has arrived! Resurrection is proclaimed! We do not have to live in Good Friday side of the cross any more. We do not need to live in fear, doubt, remorse, anger or grief. . . **unless we choose to**. Which some do!

Resurrection is the promise that new life is real. Grace is real. Love is real and we are free to live there.

Resurrection is proclaimed! Now is the time for this “joyful people of God” to offer a sustained song of thanksgiving. Now is the time for us to be truly a people who know how to “glorify God and fully enjoy God forever.” Let the celebration continue!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Cory

A note from the Council President

Greetings from my house to yours! I hope you are all taking care of yourself and staying healthy.

I look forward to Sunday worship and Holden Evening Prayer online. Thank you, Darrel, Reid, other musicians and sound folks. Your dedication and work are appreciated!

Please visit the church website - redeemertrf.org, and church Facebook page often for changes and updates. Thank you, Vanessa for your work from home.

Thank you for sending your offerings and contributions to Redeemer. If you are not contributing through Vanco or automatically through your bank, please consider doing so at this time. Instructions for Vanco are on the church website. Forms are available for auto bank deduct at the church (which can be mailed to you) or consider setting Redeemer up as a bill pay through your bank.

If you have not had the opportunity to contribute to the special Lenten offering for VIP, checks can be mailed to the church -1300 Nora St E.

These are trying times – testing patience and faith. But I have seen positive things happening as well. Just look what Darrel and Reid accomplished! Look at what schools have accomplished bringing distance learning to our kids! Great sites that offer virtual tours of museums, national parks, historic buildings, etc. are available. The many words and acts of encouragement and lifting each other up through making hearts, sewing masks, etc. I know I have made more phone calls and sent more texts to my kids, siblings and friends just to “check in”.

People in all walks of life are having to change “the way we do things” -stepping up and getting it done! I am amazed at people’s creativity and willingness to change.

We will get through this. *“I can do all things through God who strengthens me”* Philippians 4:13.

God’s Blessings,

Jan Anderson

I just want to say Thank You to everyone for the patience as we transition into social distancing.

Even though I am not in the office I am still working from home, I check emails and phone messages often. So if you email or call know that I will contact you back as soon as possible.

I miss the friendly faces that come in and visit with me, so I hope to see every one soon.

Yours truly,

Vanessa



Peace to you amidst the unknowns in the world around us. As I look around and have many questions, I do a double take and see God's hand in all things. In this moment of distancing ourselves physically from one another, we have an opportunity to draw nearer to our heavenly Father and loving God. How? Through prayer, actions, and worship we draw nearer. A fantastic devotional for families in this time is *Pandemic Hope: A Family Devotional For Life During Covid19*. Throughout this there are opportunities to grow in faith with your family. Another great resource is the FREE downloadable app of Martin Luther's Small Catechism and over 500 years later we can still use that tool to understand our faith a bit more- just using technology a little bit differently than Martin Luther might have imagined!

A **handy** prayer ideas are: the 5 finger prayer! Each finger represents a person or people to pray for:

The thumb- Family and friends

The pointer finger- People who point and give direction/guidance (leaders and teachers)

The index finger- People who stand tall in leadership position (those in government and

authority)

The ring finger- People who are weak or sick

The pinky- Myself last

We each have a lot of impact. What also can be infectious in this time is kindness, healthy habits, and creative ways to bust the boredom or cabin fever. If your kids are missing their teachers- write them a letter to their school address. Another way to connect with someone is to give them a call and hear their voice in person! We were created to care for one another and the world around us. This time of being physically distant from one another is a challenge when we were created to make connections, but now is a time to draw nearer to our creator in the Word and prayer, have caring conversations with one another, and be patient and gracious with one another. That is how we must connect. Our God who created the heavens and earth and all the stars in the sky, knows how to care for each of us by holding us in His hands.

~Madison Crane

Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry
Redeemer & Zion Lutheran Churches



As of right now all events at Redeemer Lutheran Church
are cancelled until further notice.

Worship services are and will be livestreaming through
our Youtube channel.

Worship dates to keep in mind:

Wednesday, April 8th	No Service	
Thursday, April 9th	Maundy Thursday	6:30pm
Friday, April 10th	Good Friday	6:30pm
Sunday, April 12th	Easter	7:00am & 9:30am



Public worship has been suspended until further notice;

services are being livestreamed on YouTube;

the link is at Redeemer 's website, redeemertrf.org.

Links to bulletins are also on the website or in the de-
scription

of the live event on YouTube.

We encourage you to actively worship and do the liturgy,

the “work of the people ”, as you watch

the livestream.

COVID-19

Protect yourself
and loved ones



Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19

+ WASH YOUR HANDS

Wash your hands with soap and warm water regularly.



+ COVER A COUGH OR SNEEZE

Cover your cough or sneeze with your sleeve, or tissue. Dispose of tissue and wash your hands afterward.



+ DON'T TOUCH

Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth, especially with unwashed hands.



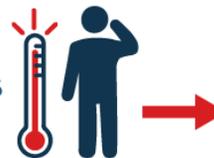
+ KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



+ STAY HOME

If you experience respiratory symptoms like a cough or fever, stay home.



+ GET HELP

If you experience symptoms of COVID-19 (cough, fever, shortness of breath), call your health care provider or local health department before seeking care.



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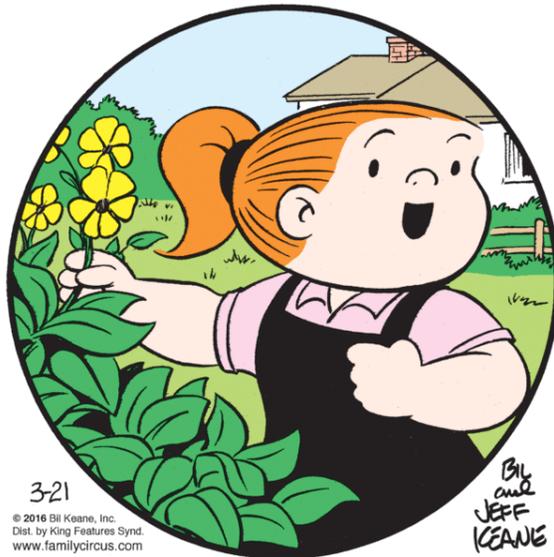
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in the air right here!"



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"Is this a REAL snow or just
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